1857

Historical Happenings

March 4 — Washington, D.C.
The inaugural address of James Buchanan, sworn in today as the 15th President of the United States, continued the theme of his "Save the Union" campaign platform, stressing tolerance of slavery for the purpose of keeping the states united

March 9 — Washington D.C.
The Supreme Court has decided the Dred Scott case, ruling that a Negro descended from slaves is not a citizen and that the Missouri Compromise is unconstitutional.

May 26 — Dred Scott freed by his new owner.

New York City — First passenger elevator, invented by Elisha Otis, installed in Haughwout Department Store

Chicago — Baseball ruling sets length of game at nine inning. In 1839, Abner Doubleday laid out a diamond-shaped field with four bases 60 feet apart in Cooperstown, New York and named the game baseball.

Michigan — Thomas Edison founds chemistry lab at home, marking all bottles "poison," to amusement of friends.

June 16 — Arizona - Edward Beale blazes wagon trail from Fort Defiance to Colorado, using camels as pack animals.

United States — American cities reportedly have highest death rates in world, due, in large part, to tuberculosis.

New York City — Lithographers Nathaniel Currier and James Merritt Ives establish their own imprint. The company published more than 4,000 color picture showing the manners, customs and sports of the times; the California gold rush; railroads and clipper ships; fires; and other historic events.

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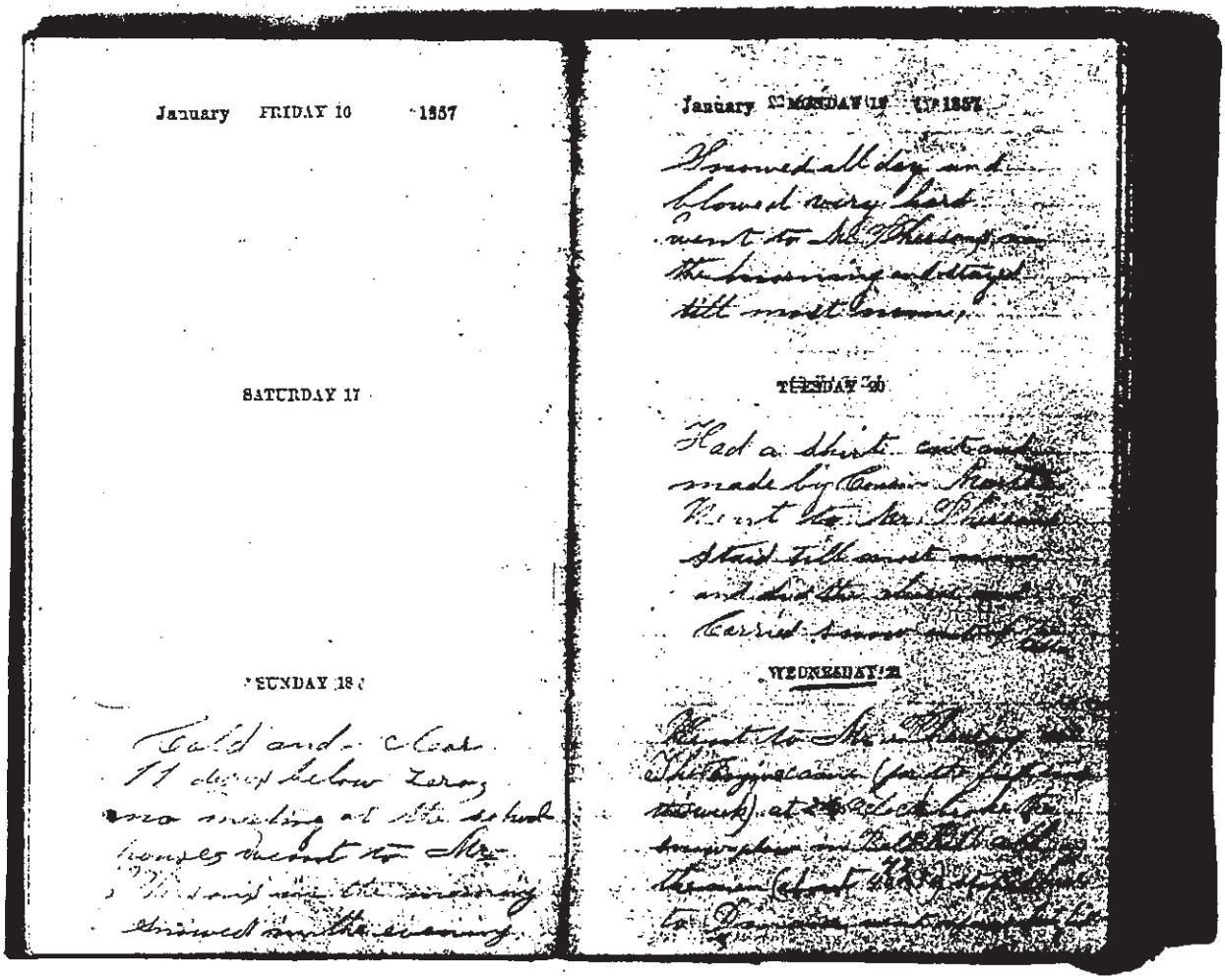


January FRIDAY 16 1857

SATURDAY 17

SUNDAY 18

January MONDAY 19 1857

TUESDAY 20

WEDNESDAY 21

January MONDAY 19 1857

Snowed all day and blowed very hard. Went to Mr. Phersons in the morning and stayed till most noon.

TUESDAY 20

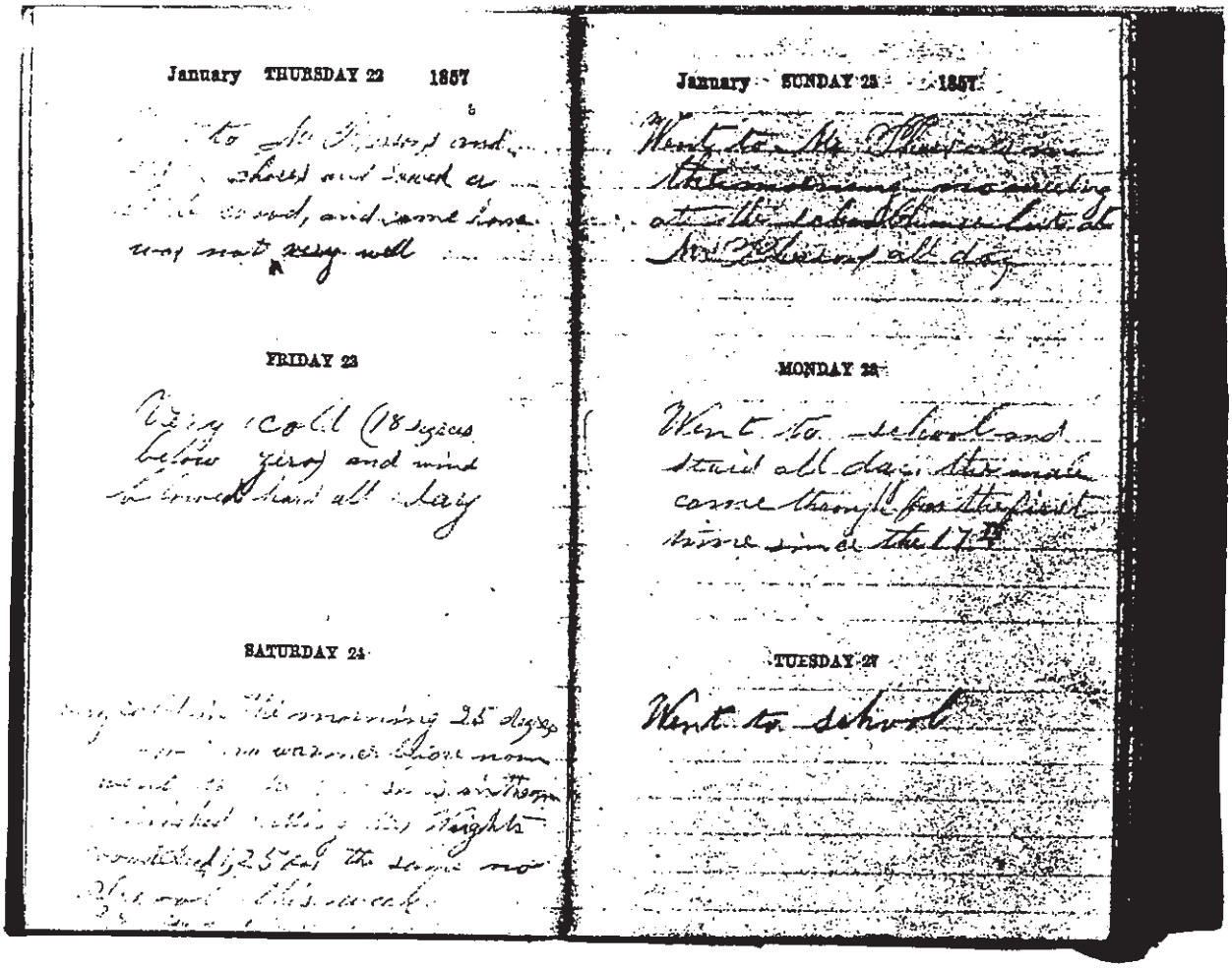
Had a shirt cut and made by Cousin Martha. Went to Mr. Phersons. Staid till most noon and did the chores and carried snow out of the cellar.

WEDNESDAY 21

Went to Mr. Phersons & c. The Engine came (for the first time this week) at 2 ¾ o'clock. Broke the snow plow in Bald Hill. All the men (about 40 or 50) stopped here to dinner. Went as far as Mote Hill.

January SUNDAY 18 1857

Cold and clear
11 degrees below zero, no meeting at the school house, went to Mr. Phersons in the morning. Snowed the evening.



January THURSDAY 22 1857

FRIDAY 23

SATURDAY 24

January SUNDAY 25 1857

MONDAY 26

TUESDAY 27

January THURSDAY 23 1857

Went to Mr. Phersons and did the chores and sawed a little wood and came home, was not very well.

FRIDAY 23

Very cold (18 degrees below zero) and wind blowed hard all day.

SATURDAY 24

Very cold in the morning, 25 degrees below zero. Warmer before noon. Went to Mr. Phersons in the p.m. Finished cutting Mrs. Wrights wood. Recd 1.25 for the same. No school this week. 2 Engines quit this afternoon.

January SUNDAY 25 1857

Went to Mr. Phersons in the morning. No meeting at the school-house but at Mr. Phersons all day.

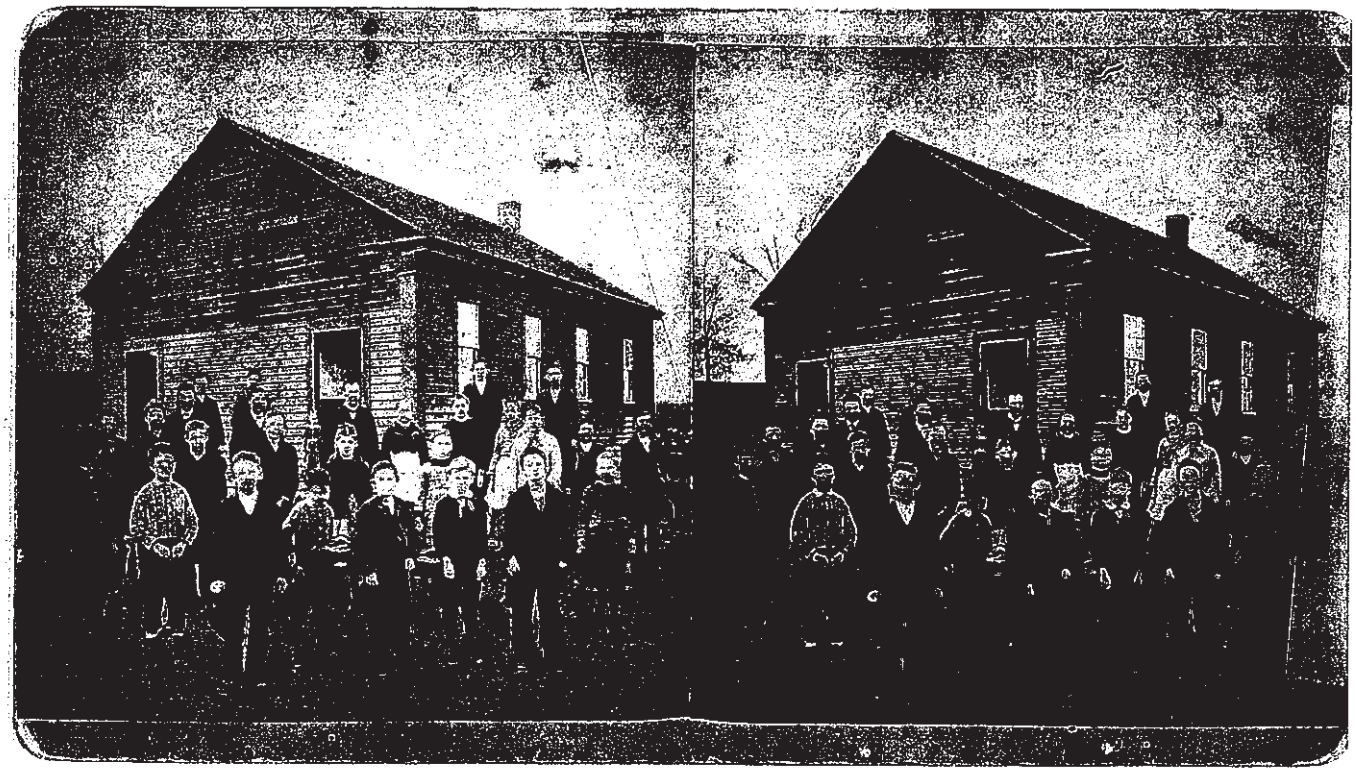
MONDAY 26

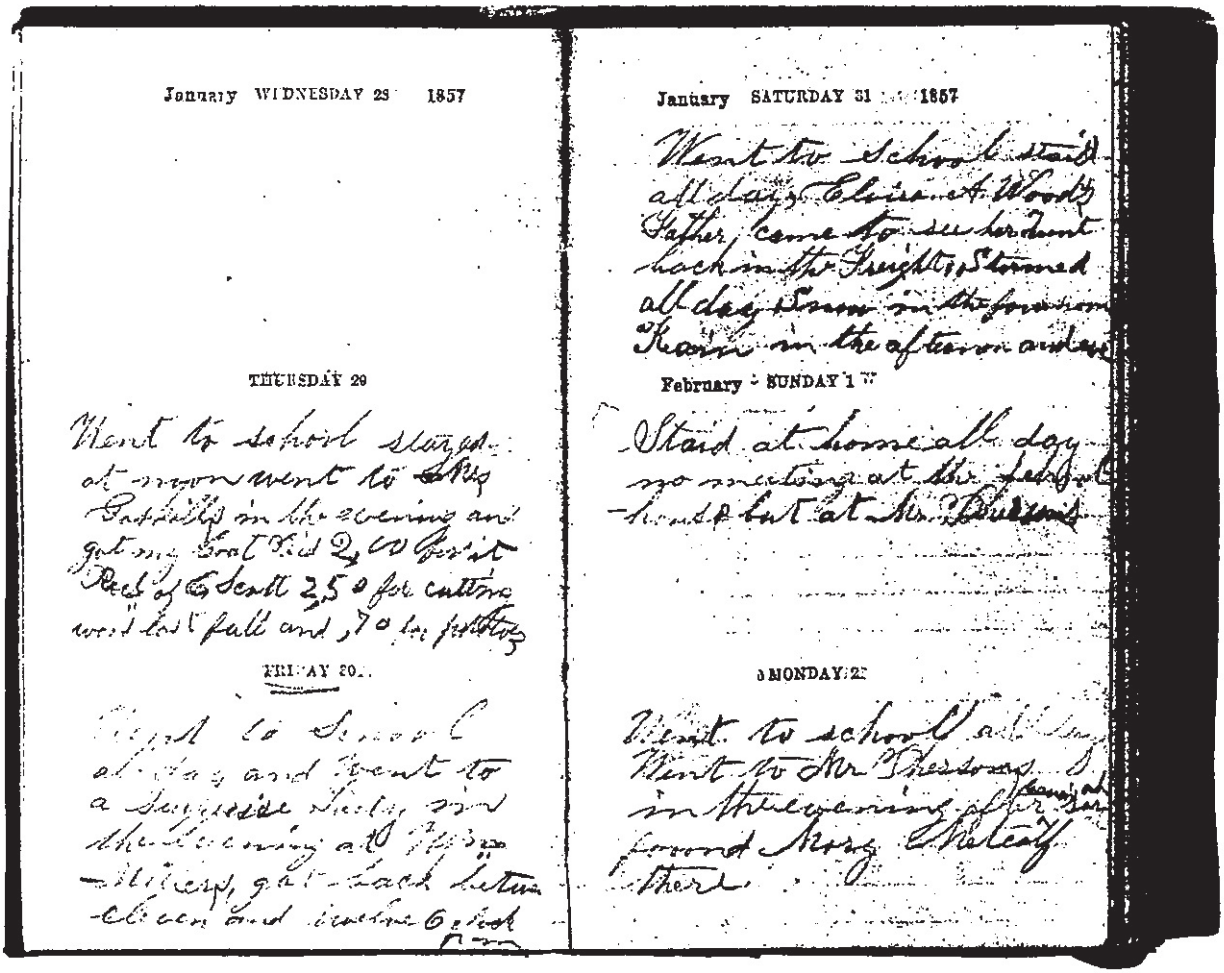
Went to school and staid all day. The male came through for the first time since the 17th.

TUESDAY 27

Went to School.

This picture was with the collection of diaries. It might be the only picture of the South Franklin School House on the corner of Washington Street and Prospect Street still existing. I believe this is the school house that was attended by George Wadsworth in 1857. George was 21 years old in 1857, when on Monday January 26, 1857 he mentions going to school. On Wednesday, February 11, he mentions an examination at school and no more about attending school except for attending church services on Sunday in the school house.





January WEDNESDAY 28 1857

THURSDAY 29

Went to school stayed at noon went to Mrs Gaskills in the evening and got my Coat Paid 2,00 for it Recd of C Scott 2,50 for cutting wood last fall and ,70 for potatoes

FRIDAY 30

Went to School all day and went to a Surprise Party in the evening at Wm Millers, got back between eleven and twelve o'clock p.m.

January SATURDAY 31 1857

Went to school staid all day. Elvira A. Wood's Father came to see her. Went back in the freight. Stormed all day. Snow in the forenoon. Rain in the afternoon and eve.

February SUNDAY 1

Staid at home all day no meeting at the School house but at Mr. Phersons

MONDAY 2

Went to school all day Went to Mr Phersons in the evening after his cousin found Mary Metcalf there

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MONDAY 2

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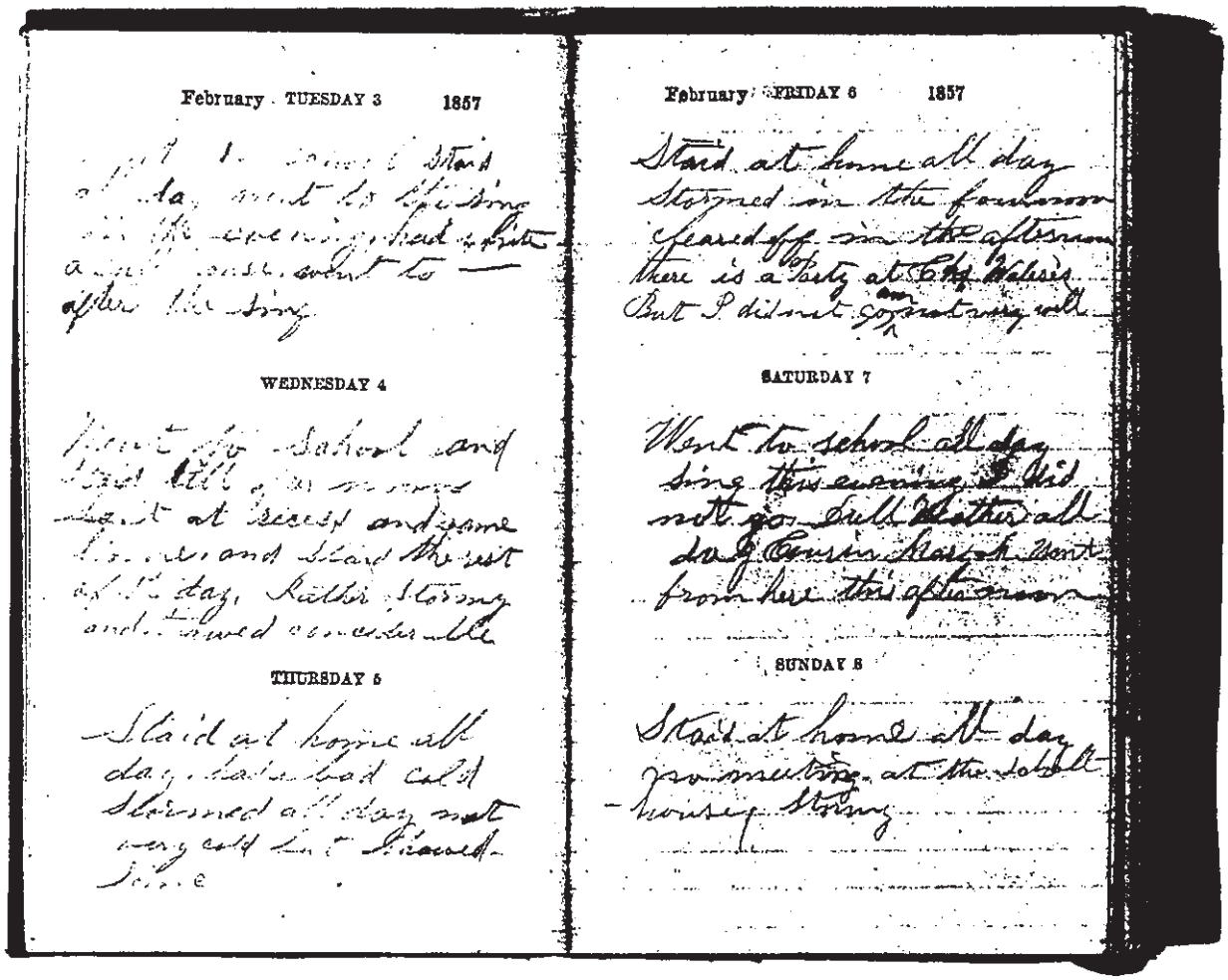

February TUESDAY 3 1857

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WEDNESDAY 4

Went to School and staid till [illegible] noon Left at recess and came home and staid the rest of the day, Rather stormy and thawed considerable

THURSDAY 5

Staid at home all day. Had a bad cold Stormed all day not very cold but thawed some

February FRIDAY 6 1857

Staid at home all day Stormed in the forenoon Cleared off in the afternoon there is a Party at Chs. Walese's But I did not go am not very well

SATURDAY 7

Went to school all day sing this evening I did not go Dull Weather all day Cousin Mary M. went from here this afternoon

SUNDAY 8

Staid at home all day no meeting at the schoolhouse Stormy

February TUESDAY 3 1857

Went to school. Staid all day. Went to the sing in the evening. Had quite a full house. Went to *_____ after the sing.

WEDNESDAY 4

Went to school and staid till after noon. Left at recess and came home and staid the rest of the day. Rather stormy and thawed conciderable.

THURSDAY 5

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February FRIDAY 6 1857

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SATURDAY 7

Went to school all day. Sing this evening. I did not go. Dull weather all day. Cousin Mary M. went from here this after noon.

SUNDAY 8

Staid at home all day. No meeting at the schoolhouse. Stormy.

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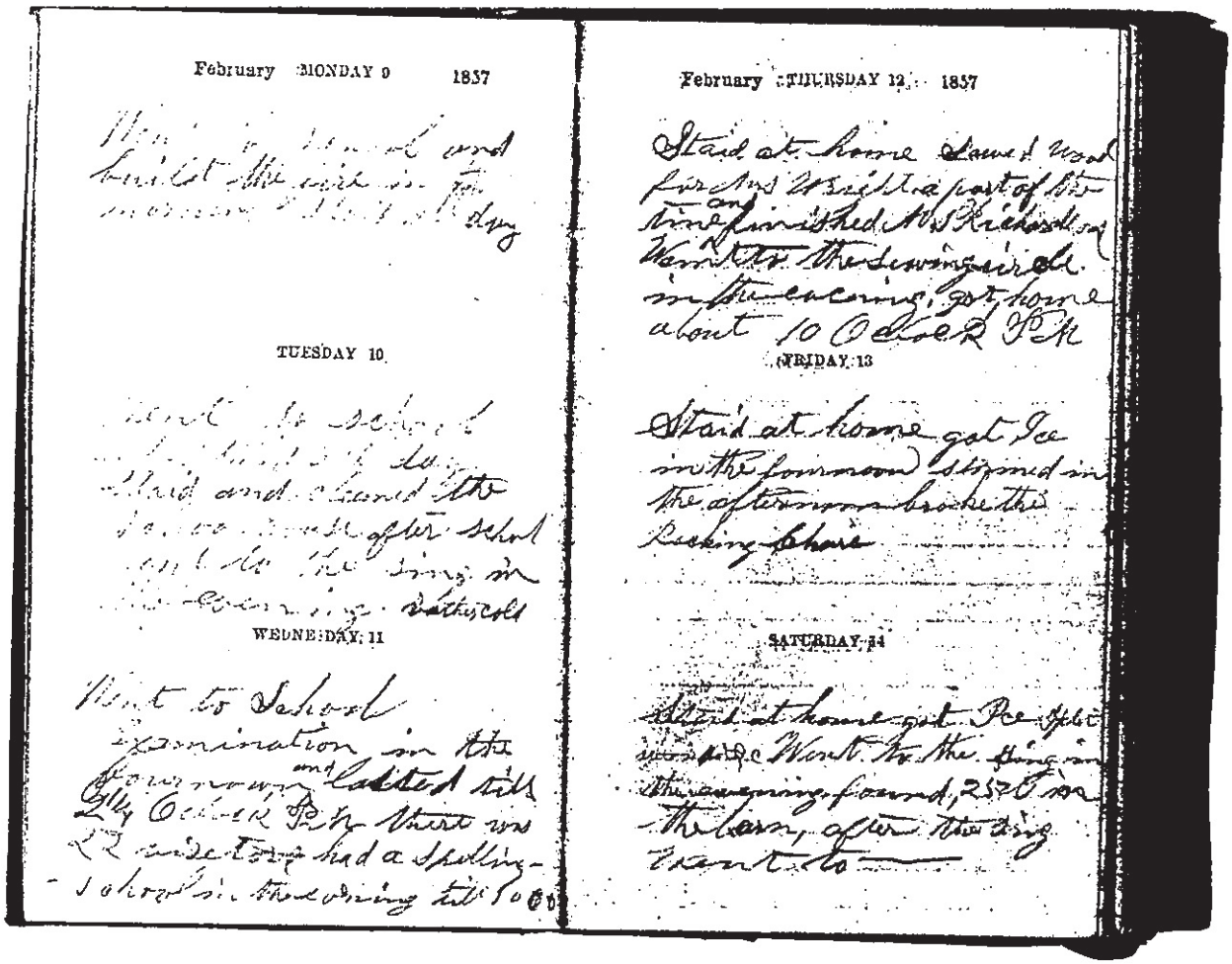


February MONDAY 9 1857

TUESDAY 10

WEDNESDAY 11

February THURSDAY 12 1857

FRIDAY 13

SATURDAY 14

February MONDAY 9 1857

Went to school and build the fire in the morning. Staid all day.

TUESDAY 10

Went to school and staid all day. Staid and cleaned the schoolhouse after school. Went to the sing in the evening. Rather cold.

WEDNESDAY 11

Went to School. Examination in the fournoon and lasted till 2 ¼ o'clock P.M. There was 22 visitors. Had a spelling-school in the evening till 10:00.

February THURSDAY 12 1857

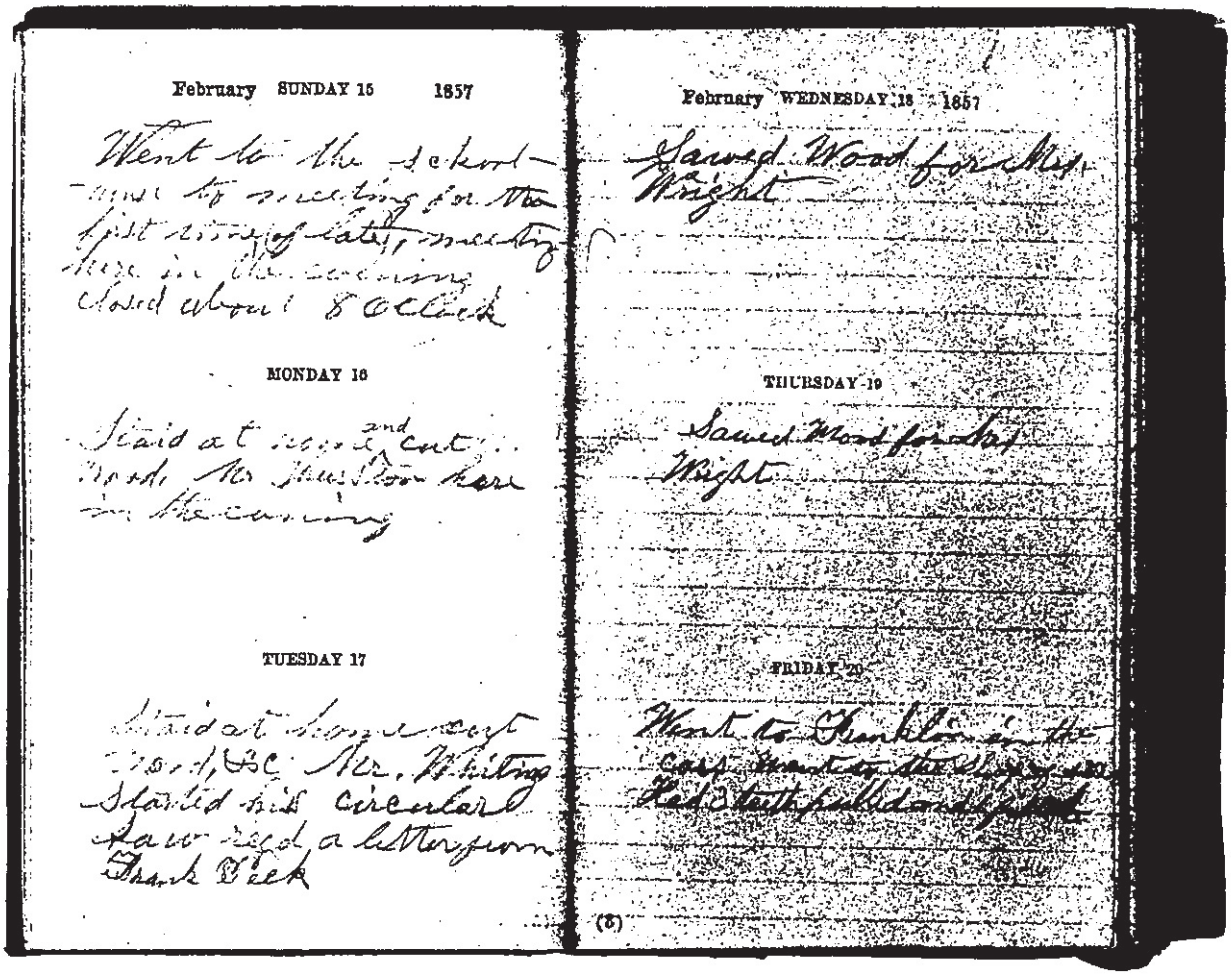
Staid at home. Sawed wood for Mrs. Wright a part of the time and finished Mrs. Richardsons. Went to sewing circle in the evening. Got home about 10 O'clock P.M.

FRIDAY 13

Staid at home. Got Ice in the fournoon. Stormed in the afternoon. Broke the Rocking Chair.

SATURDAY 14

Staid at home. Got Ice, split wood & c. Went to the sing in the evening. Found .25 in the barn after the sing. Went to _____.



February SUNDAY 15 1857

Went to the school-house to meeting for the first time of late, meeting here in the evening closed about 8 O'Clock

MONDAY 16

Staid at home and cut wood, Mr Thurston here in the evening

TUESDAY 17

Staid at home cut wood, &c Mr. Whiting started his Circular Saw Recd a letter from Frank Peck

February WEDNESDAY 18 1857

Sawed Wood for Mrs. Wright

THURSDAY 19

Sawed Wood for Mrs Wright

FRIDAY 20

Went to Franklin in the cars Went to the Shop of AEL Had 3 teeth pulled and 1 filled

(8)

February SUNDAY 15 1857

Went to school - house to meeting for the first time (of late), meeting here in the evening. Closed about 8 o'clock.

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TUESDAY 17

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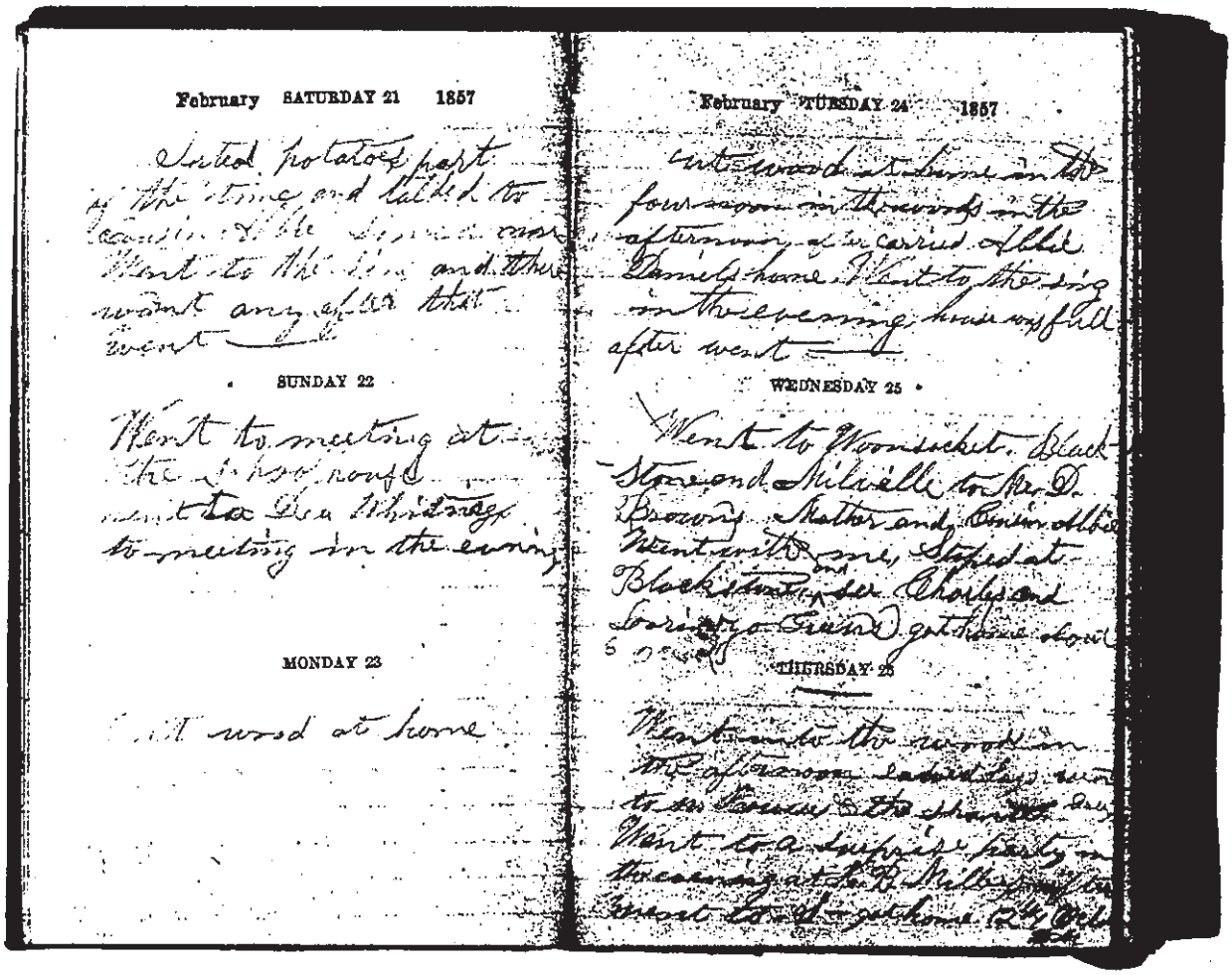


February SATURDAY 21 1857

Sorted potatoes part of the time and talked to Cousin Abbie some more. Went to the sing and there wasn't any. After that went _____*.

SUNDAY 22

Went to meeting at the Schoolhouse. Went to Dea. Whitings to meeting in the evening.

MONDAY 23

Cut wood at home

February TUESDAY 24 1857

Cut wood at home in the fournoon, in the woods in the afternoon. After carried Abbie Daniels home. Went to the sing in the evening. House was full After went _____*.

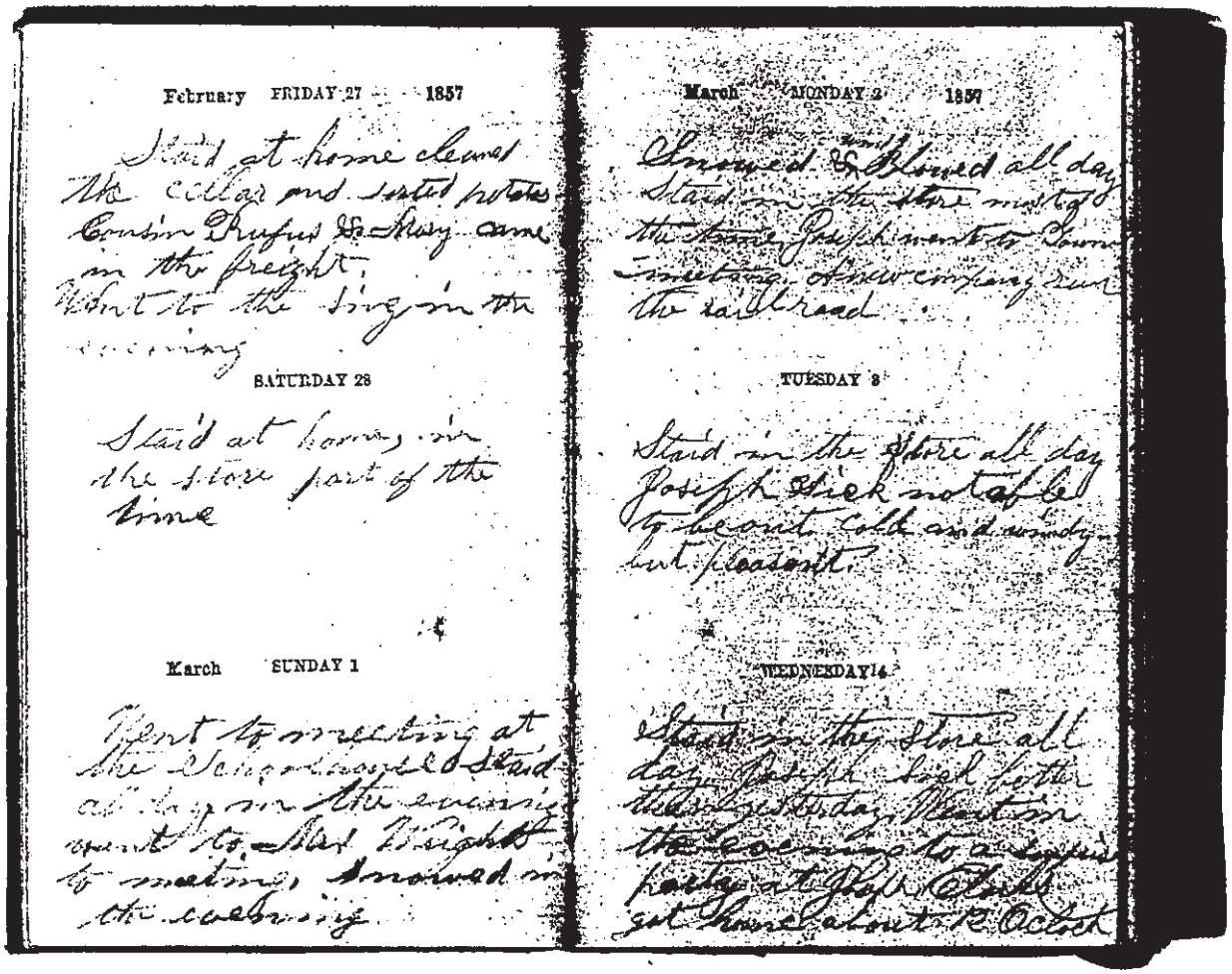
WEDNESDAY 25

Went to Woonsocket, Blackstone and Milville to Mr. D. Browns. Mother and Cousin Abbie went with me. Stoped at Blackstone and see Charles and Loringo Greens. Got home about 6 o'clock.

THURSDAY 26

Went into the woods in the afternoon. Sawed logs. Went to Mr. Haweses & the Shantie (?) Went to a surprise party in the evening at R.B. Millers. After went to S_____* Got home 12 ¼ o'clock P.M.

*see note under February 3.



February FRIDAY 27 1857

Staid at home cleaned the cellar and sorted potatoes Cousin Rufus & Mary came in the freight. Went to the sing in the evening

SATURDAY 28

Staid at home, in the store part of the time

March SUNDAY 1

Went to meeting at the Schoolhouse Staid all day in the evening went to Mrs Wright to meeting, Snowed in the evening

March MONDAY 2 1857

Snowed & Blowed all day Staid in the store most of the time Joseph went to Town meeting. A new company runs the railroad

TUESDAY 3

Staid in the Store all day Joseph Sick not able to be out Cold and windy but pleasant

WEDNESDAY 4

Staid in the Store all day Joseph Sick better than yesterday Went in the evening to a surprise party at Joseph Clarks got home about 12 O'clock

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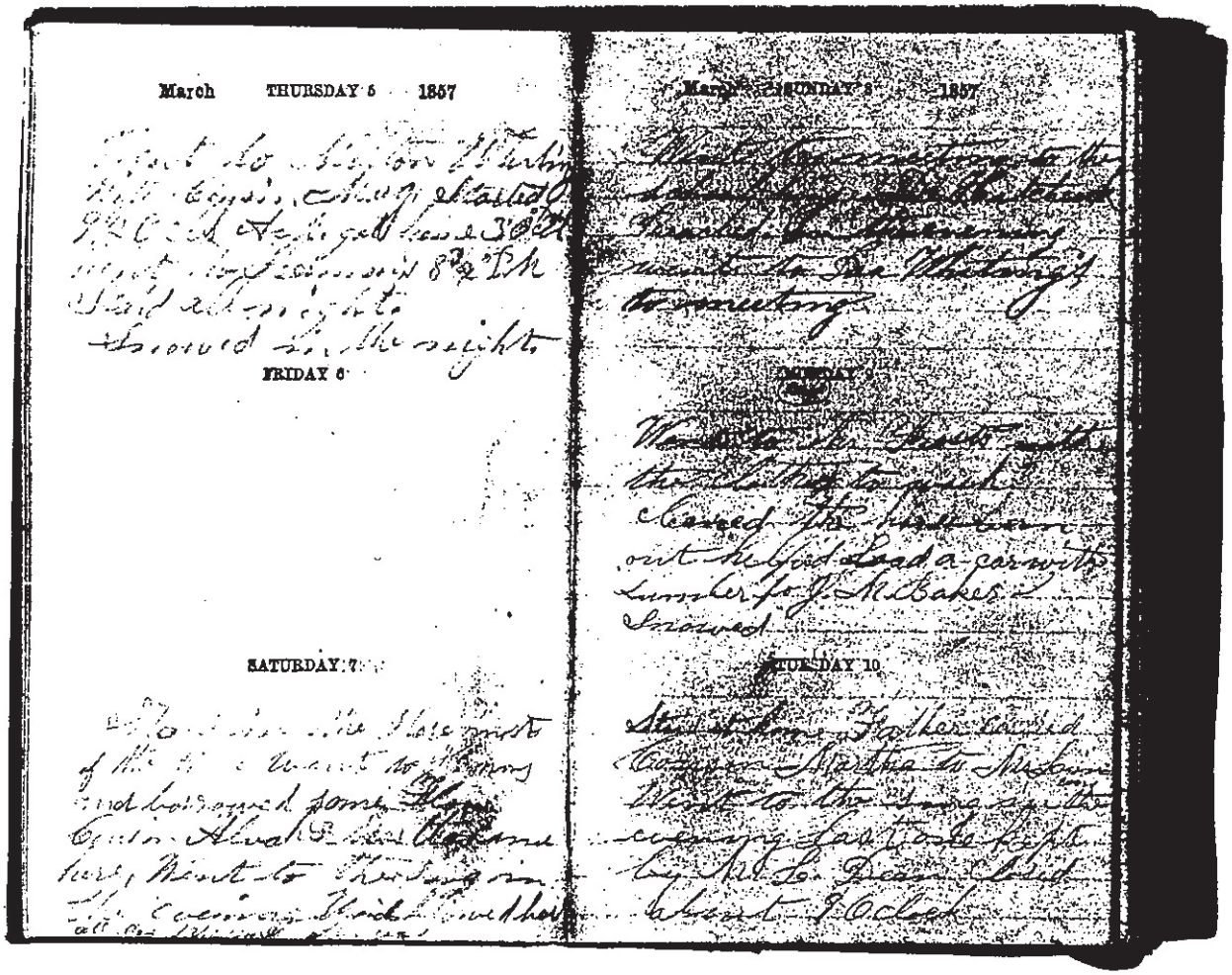


March THURSDAY 5 1857

March SUNDAY 8 1857

March THURSDAY 5 1857

Went to Milton Whitings with Cousin Mary. Started 9 ½ o'clk & c. We got home 3 o'clk. Went to Hermon's 8 ¾ P.M. Staid all night. Snowed in the night.

FRIDAY 6

SATURDAY 7

Staid in the Store most of the time. Went to Hermons and borrowed some Flour. Cousin Alvah & Martha came here. Went to the sing in the evening. Wind blowed hard all day, pleasant (?).

March SUNDAY 8 1857

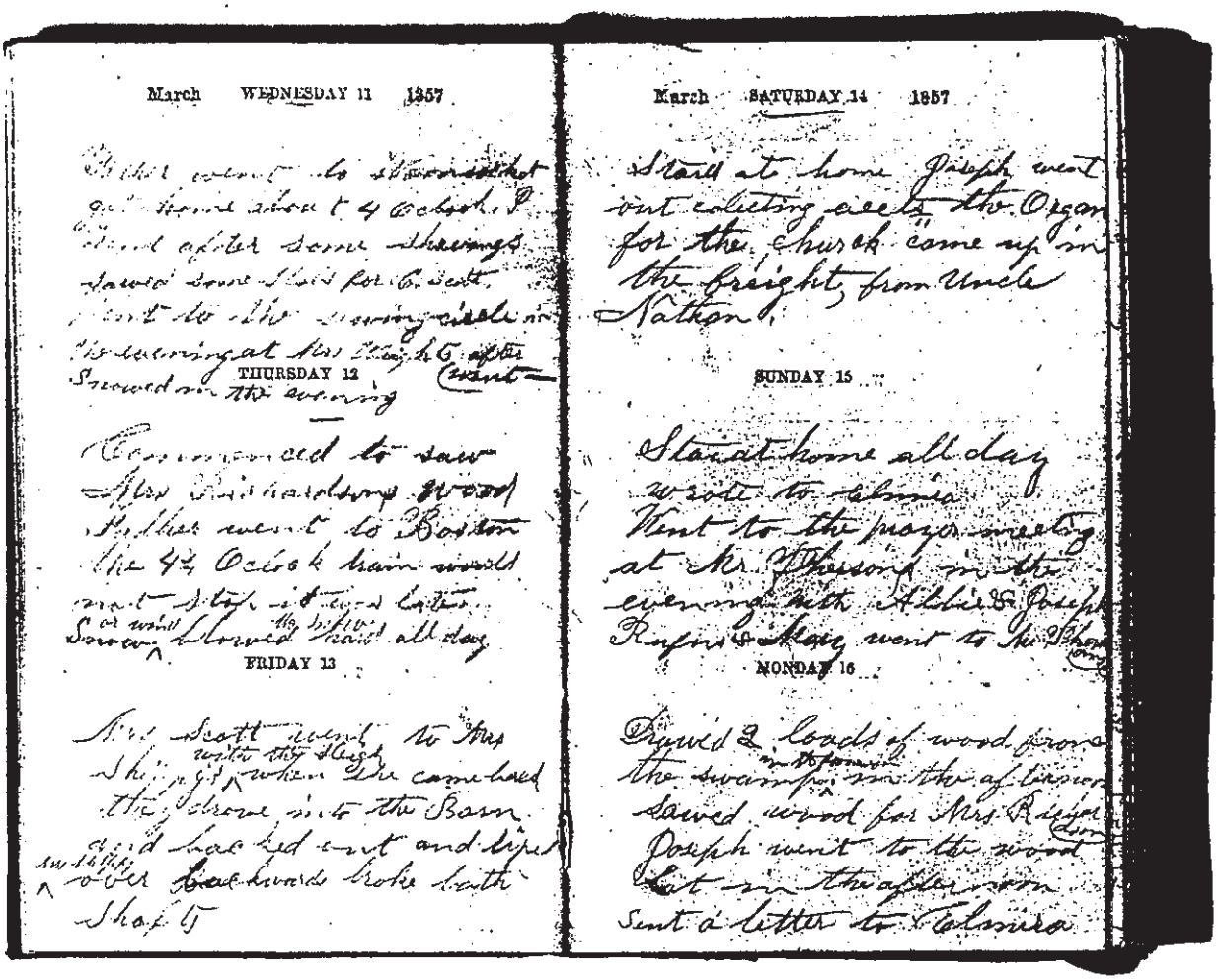
Went to meeting to the school-house. Dr. Hitchcock preached. In the evening went to Dea Whitings to meeting.

MONDAY 9

Went to Mr. Frosts with the clothes to wash. Cleaned the horse barn out. Helped load a car with lumber for J. M. Baker. Snowed.

TUESDAY 10

Staid at home. Father carried Cousin Martha to Mr. Lincons. Went to the sing in the evening, last one kept by Mr. L. Dean. Closed about 9 o'clock.



March WEDNESDAY 11 1857

Father went to Woonsocket, got home about 4 o'clock. I went after some shavings, sawed some slabs for C. Scott. Went to the sewing circle in the evening at Mrs. Wrights. After went _____. Snowed in the evening.

THURSDAY 12

Commenced to saw Mrs. Richardsons wood. Father went to Boston. The 4 ¾ o'clock train would not stop, it was late.

Snow ^ Blowed ^ hard all day.

(or wind) (the snow)

FRIDAY 13

Mrs. Scott went to Mrs. Shippys, - with the sleigh- when she came back they drove into the barn and backed out and tiped -Mrs. Shippy -over backwards, broke both shafts.

March SATURDAY 14 1857

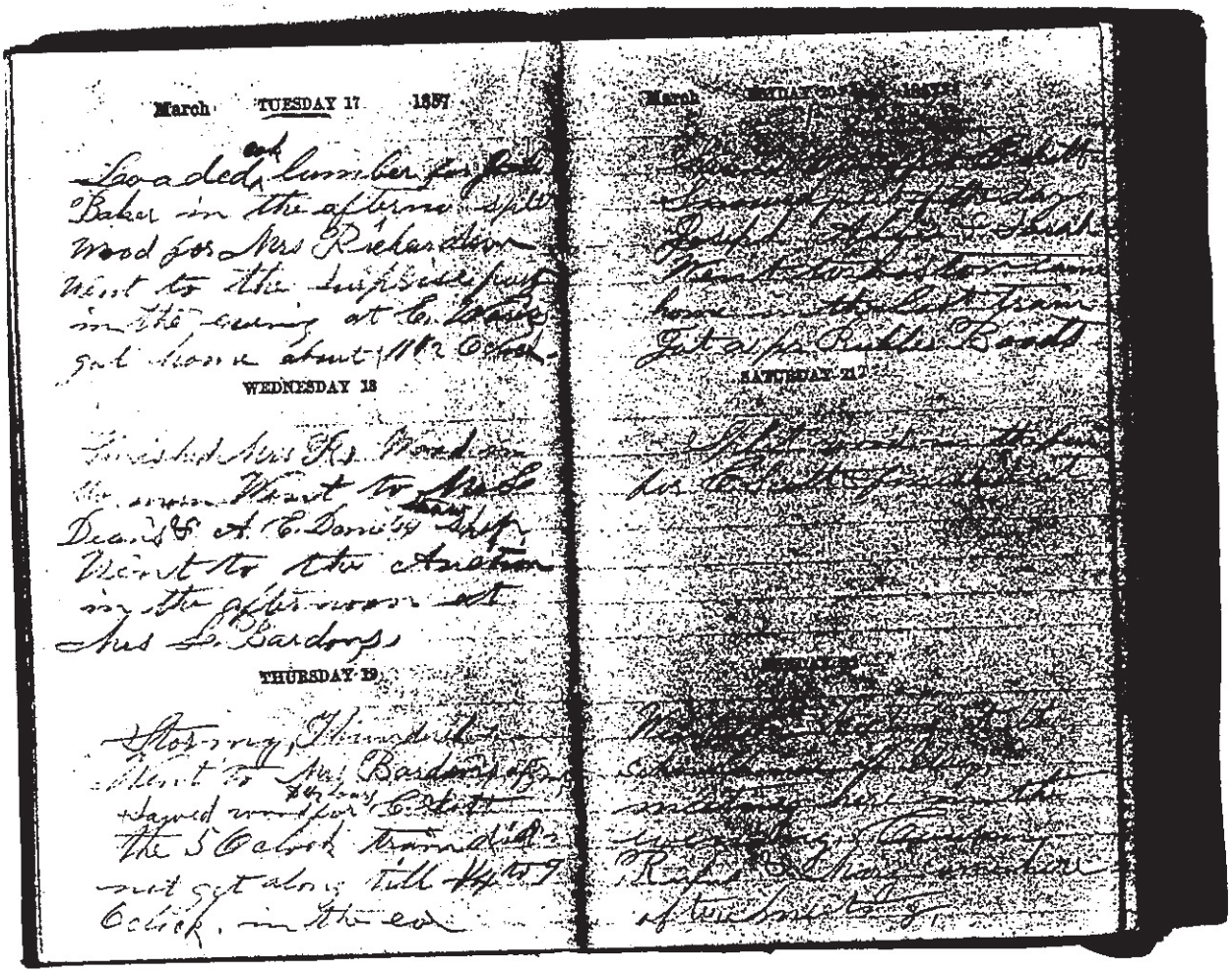
Staid at home. Joseph went out colecting accts. The Organ for church came in the freight form Uncle Nathan.

SUNDAY 15

Staid at home all day. Wrote to Elmira. Went to the prayer meeting at Mr. Phersons in the evening with Abbie & Joseph. Rufus & Mary went to Mr. Phersons.

MONDAY 16

Drawed 2 loads of wood from the swamp in the fournoon. In the afternoon sawed wood for Mrs. Richardson. Joseph went to the wood lot in the afternoon. Sent a letter to Elmira.



March TUESDAY 17 1857

March FRIDAY 20 1857

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Loaded oak lumber for J.M. Baker. In the afternoon, split wood for Mrs. Richardson. Went to the Surprise party in the evening a E. Ware's. Got home about 11 ½ o'clock.

WEDNESDAY 18

Finished Mrs. Rs wood in the morn. Went to M L Dean's & A. E. Daniels Straw Shop. Went to the Auction in the afternoon at Mrs. L. Bardons.

THURSDAY 19

Stormy, Thundered some. Went to Mrs. Bardon's after goods (1 ½ load) Sawed wood for C. Scott. The 5 o'clock train did not get along till ¼ to 9 o'clock in the eve.

March FRIDAY 20 1857

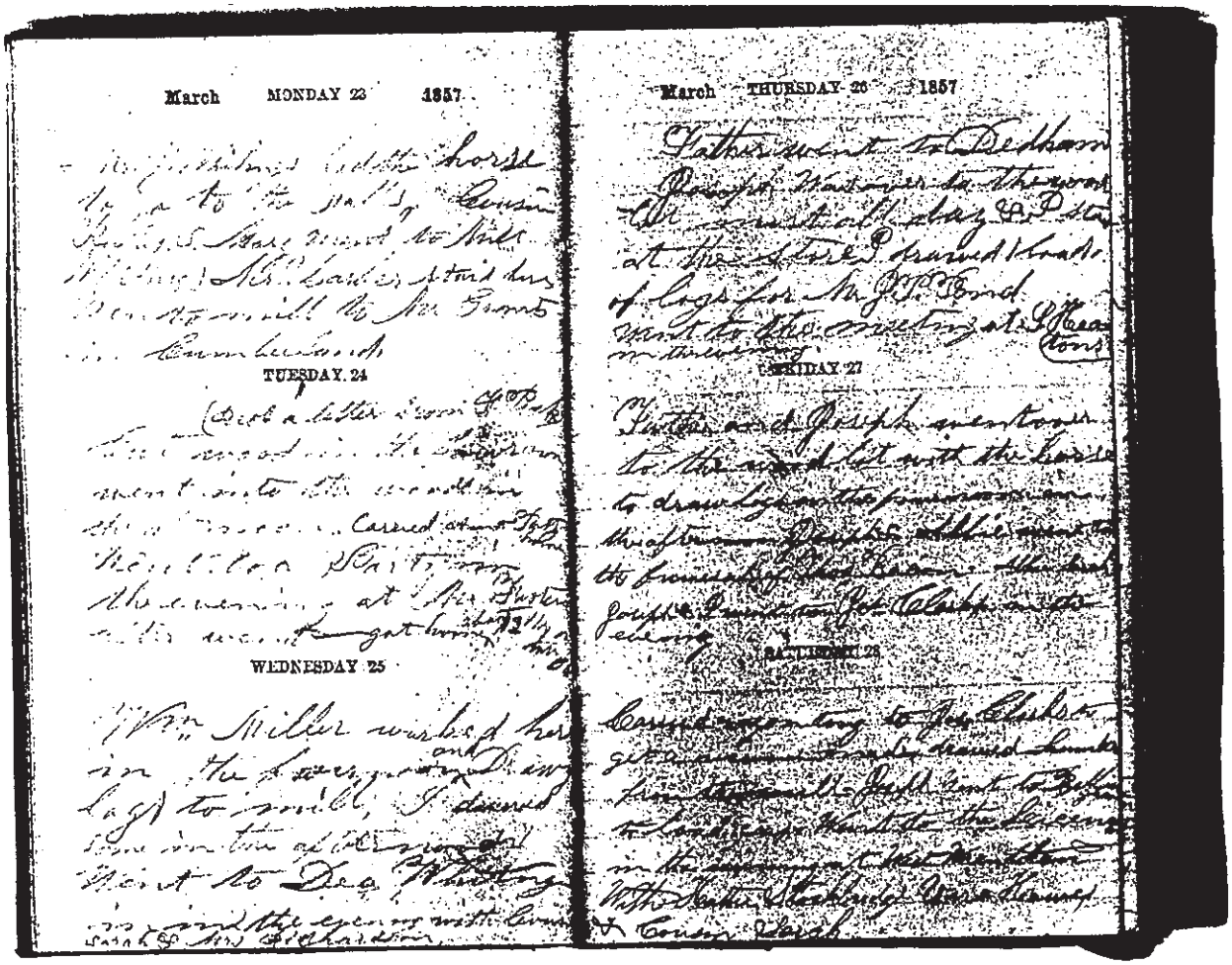
Sawed Wood for C. Scott. Snowed part of the day. Joseph, Abbie & Sarah went to Boston. Came home in the last train. Got a pr Rubber Boots.

SATURDAY 21

Split wood in the fornoon for C. Scott & finished it.

SUNDAY 22

Went to Meeting at the schoolhouse all day. Meeting here in the evening. Cousin Rufus & Mary came here after meeting.



March MONDAY 23 1857

March THURSDAY 26 1857

March MONDAY 23 1857

Mr. J. Whitings had the horse to go to the Falls. Cousin Rufus & Mary went to Mrs. Whitings. Mr. Barber staid here. Went to mill to Mr. Grants in Cumberland.

TUESDAY

(recd a letter from F. Peck)

Cut wood in the fournoon. Went into the wood in the afternoon. Carried Aunt Patty *home.* Went to a party in the evening at Mr. Fosters. After went _____ got home about *12¼ (?).*

WEDNESDAY 25

Wm Miller worked here in the fournoon and drawing logs to mill. I drawed some in the afternoon. Went to Dea Whitings in (in) the evening with Cousin Sarah & Mrs. Richardson.

March THURSDAY 26 1857

Father went to Dedham. Joseph was over to the wood lot most all day & I staid at the store. I drawed 1 load of logs from Mr. J. P. Pond. Went to the meeting a L. Heatons in the evening.

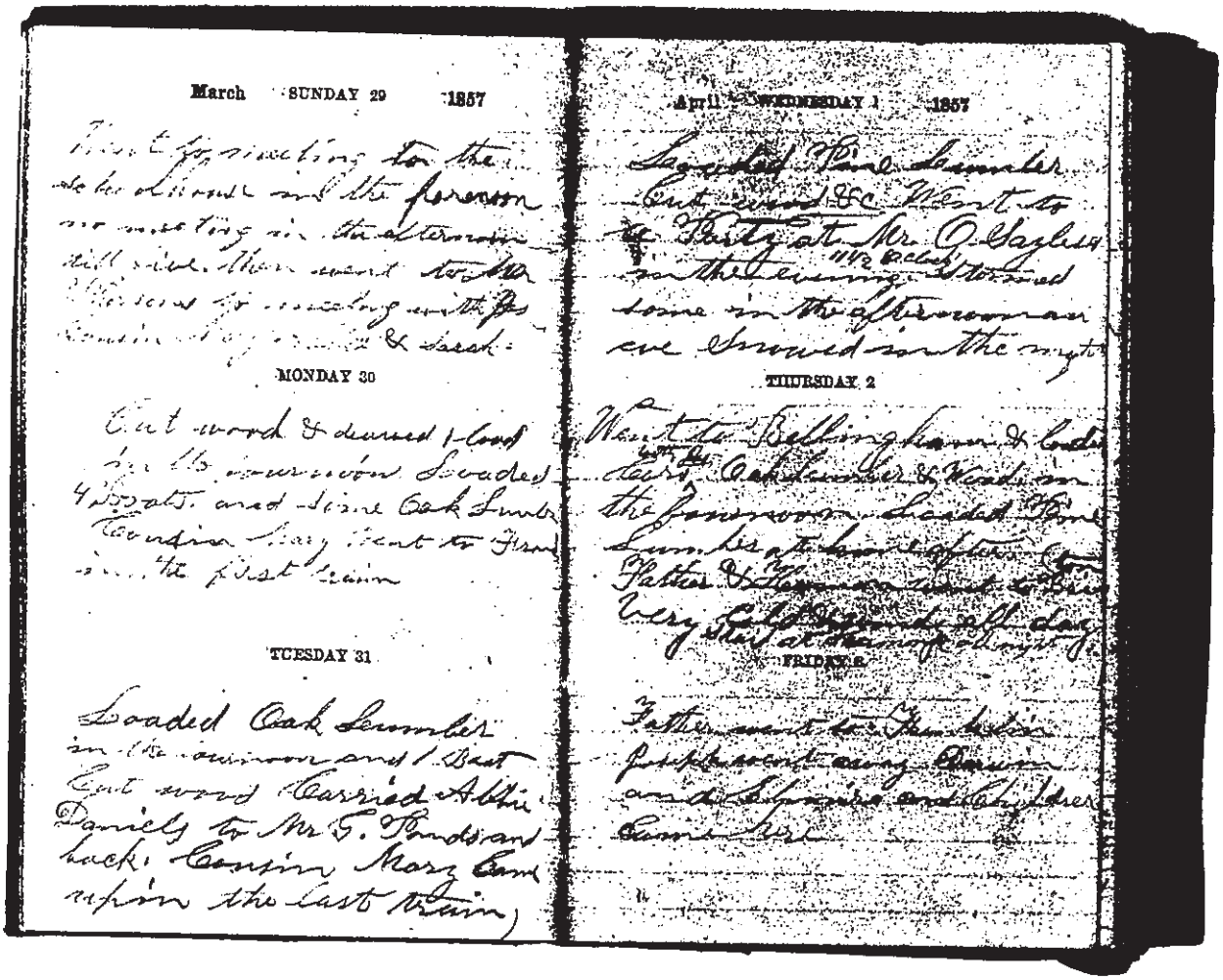
FRIDAY 27

Father and Joseph went over to the wood lot with the horse to draw logs in the fournoon. In the afternoon, Joseph & Abbie went to the funeral of Thos. Bacon. Abbie, Sarah Joseph & I went to Jos. Clarks in the evening.

SATURDAY 28

Carried wagon tong to Jos Clarks to get a new one made. Drawed Lumber from the mill. Joseph went to Bellingham to load cars. Went to the Liceum* in the evening at West Wrentham with Hattie Stockbridge, Vira Hawes and Cousin Sarah.

Liceum (correct spelling Lyceum) a place where popular lectures are given: from the World Book Dictionary



March SUNDAY 29 1857

April WEDNESDAY 1 1857

March SUNDAY 29 1857

Went to meeting to the schoolhouse in the forenoon. No meeting in the afternoon till five. Then went to Mr. Phersons to meeting with Jos Cousin Mary, Abbie & Sarah.

MONDAY 30

Cut wood & drawed 1 load in the fournoon. Loaded 4 Boats and some oak lumber. Cousin Mary went to Franklin in the first train.

TUESDAY 31

Loaded Oak Lumber in the fournoon and 1 Boat. Cut wood. Carried Abbie Daniels to Mr. G. Ponds and back. Cousin Mary came up in the last train.

April WEDNESDAY 1 1857

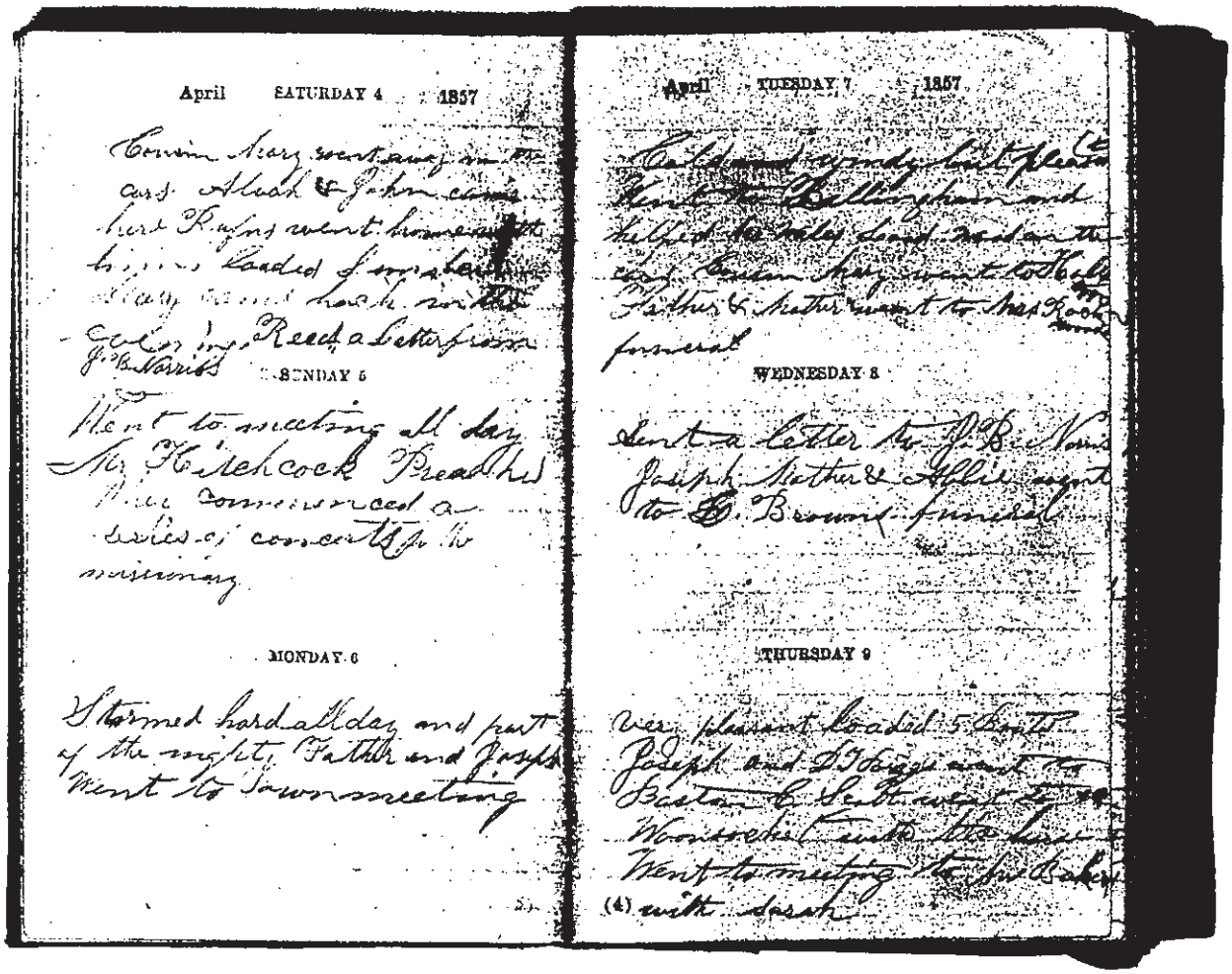
Loaded Pine Lumber. Cut wood & c. Went to a Party at Mr. O. Sayleses (11½ o'clock) in the evening. Stormed some in the afternoon an evening. Snowed in the night.

TUESDAY 2

Went to Bellingham & loaded cars with Jos Oak Lumber and Wood in the fournoon. Loaded Pine lumber at home after. Father & Hermon went to Boston. Very cold and windy all day. Staid at Hermons all night.

FRIDAY 3

Father went to Franklin. Joseph went away. Darwin and Elmira and Children came here.



April SATURDAY 4 1857

April TUESDAY 7 1857

April SATURDAY 4 1857

Cousin Mary went away in the cars. Alvah & John came here. Rufus went home with him. Loaded lumber. Mary came back in the evening. Recd a letter from J. B. Norriss.

SUNDAY 5

Went to meeting all day. Mr. Hitchcock Preached. They commenced a series of concerts for the missionary.

MONDAY 6

Stormed hard all day and part of the night. Father and Joseph went to Town meeting.

April TUESDAY 7 1857

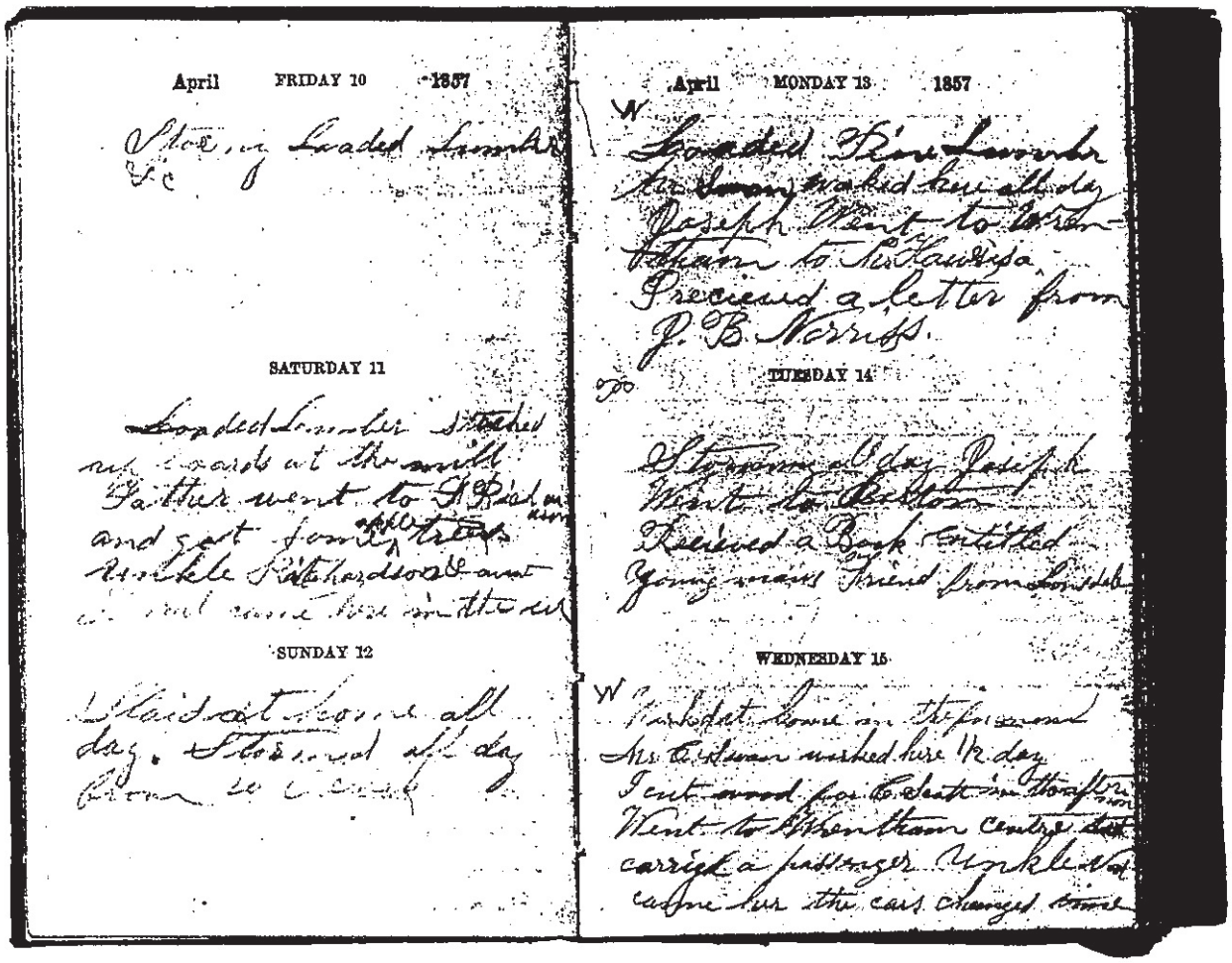
Cold and windy but pleasant. Went to Bellingham and helped Mr. Wales load wood on the cars. Cousin Mary went to Holiston. Father & Mother went to Mrs. Rock-*woods* funeral.

WEDNESDAY 8

Sent a letter to J. B. Norris. Joseph, Mother & Abbie went to E. Browns funeral.

THURSDAY 9

Very pleasant. Loaded 5 Boats. Joseph and D. T. Briggs went to Boston. C. Scott went to Woonsocket with the horse. Went to meeting to Mrs Bakers with Sarah.



April FRIDAY 10 1857

Stormy, loaded lumber
&c

SATURDAY 11

Loaded lumber stacked
up boards at the mill
Father went to F. Richardsons
and got some apple trees.
Unkle Richardson aunt
Harriet came here in the eve

SUNDAY 12

Staid at home all
day. Stormed all day
from 10 o'clock

April MONDAY 13 1857

W

Loaded Pine Lumber
Mr Swan worked here all day
Joseph Went to Wren-
tham to Mr Haweses
Recieved a letter from
J. B. Norriss.

TUESDAY 14

Storming all day. Joseph
Went to Boston
Recieved a Book entitled
Young mans Friend from Lansdale

WEDNESDAY 15

W

Worked at home in the forenoon
Mr C. Swan worked here ½ day
I cut wood for C. Scott in the afternoon
Went to Wrentham Centre to
carry a passenger. Unkle Nat
came here the cars changed time

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WEDNESDAY 15

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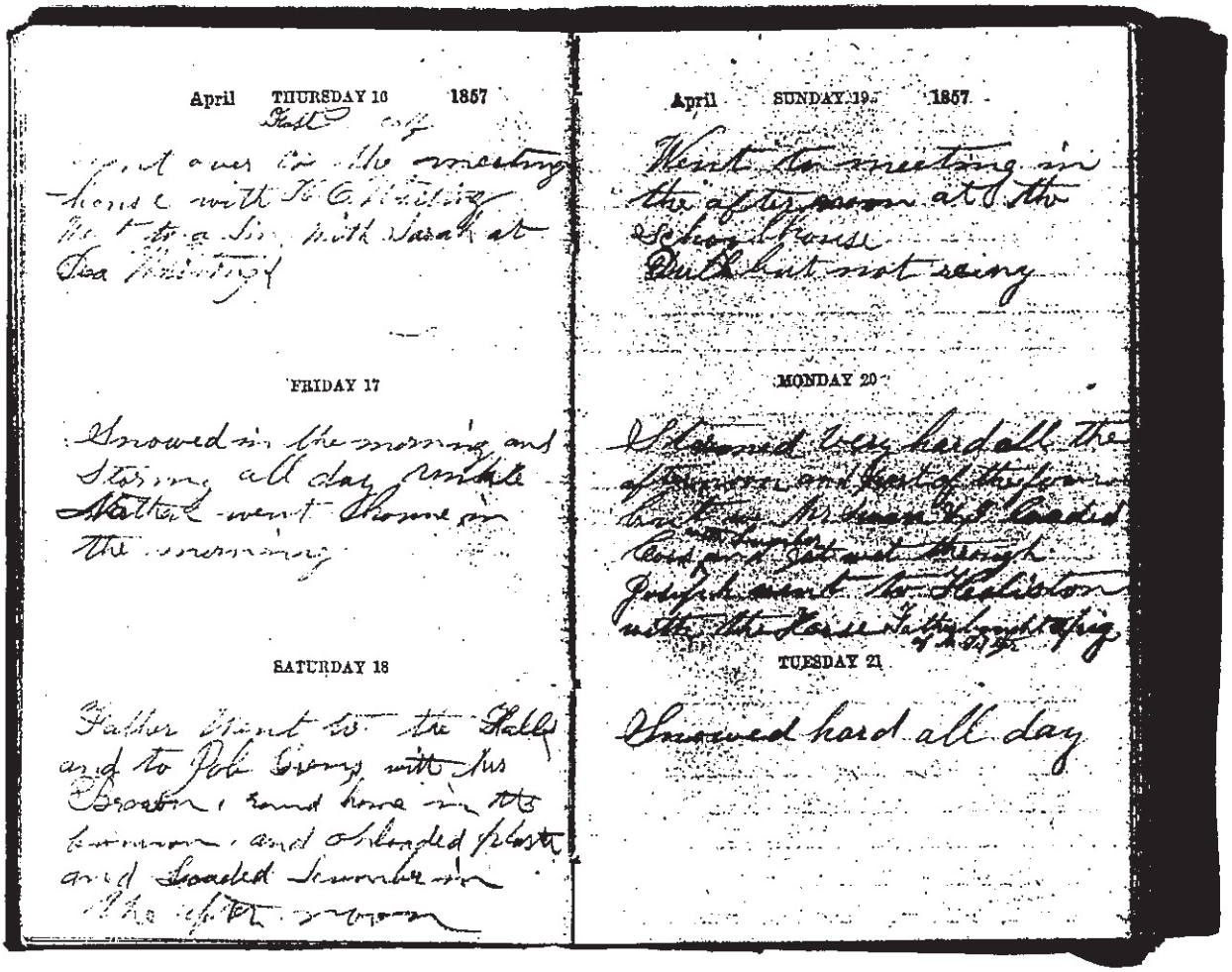

April THURSDAY 16 1857

Went over to the meeting-house with H. O. Whiting. Went to a Sing with Sarah at Dea Whitings.

FRIDAY 17

Snowed in the morning and stormy all day. Unkle Nathan went home in the morning.

SATURDAY 18

Father went to the Falls and to Job Greens with his Brown. Came home in the forenoon and on loaded plaster and loaded lumber in the afternoon.

April SUNDAY 19 1857

Went to meeting in the afternoon at the Schoolhouse. Dull but not rainy.

MONDAY 20

Stormed very hard all the afternoon and part of the forenoon but we, Mr. Swan and I, loaded cars with lumber and got wet through. Joseph went to Holiston with the horse. Father bought a pig.

TUESDAY 21

Snowed hard all day.

April THURSDAY 16 1857

Frost calf

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(of M. (?)

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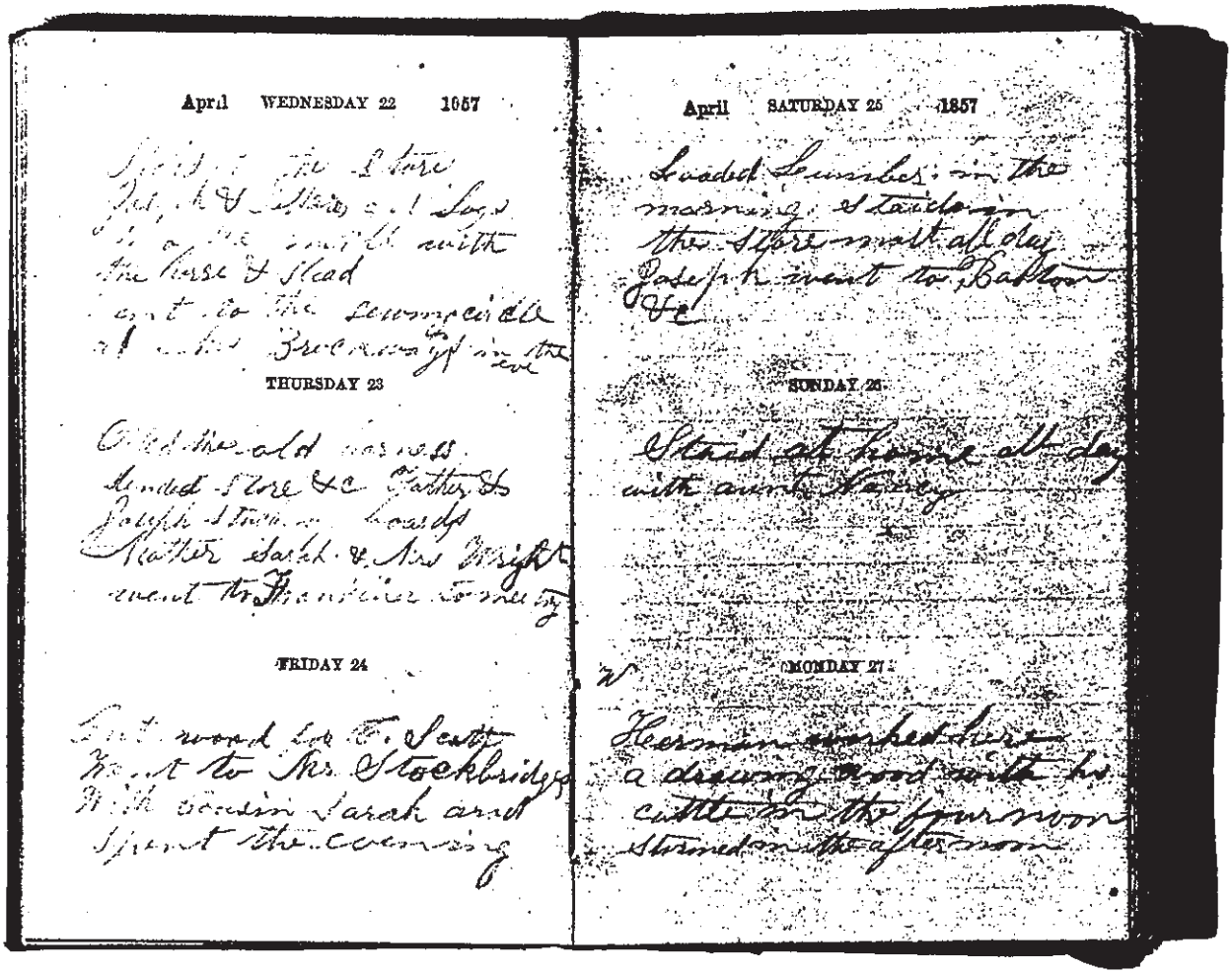


April WEDNESDAY 22 1857

THURSDAY 23

FRIDAY 24

April SATURDAY 25 1857

SUNDAY 26

MONDAY 27

April WEDNESDAY 22 1857

Staid at the Store. Joseph & Father got logs in the mill with the horse & slead. Went to the sewing circle at Mrs. Brockways in the eve.

THURSDAY 23

Oiled the old harness. Tended store & c. Father & Joseph Stuck up boards*. Mother, Sarah & Mrs. Wright went to Franklin to meeting.

FRIDAY 24

Cut wood for C. Scott. Went to Mr. Stockbridges with Cousin Sarah and spent the evening.

Stuck up board means to stick small pieces of wood in between lumber boards for air to circulate in order to dry boards properly.

Melvin Root

April SATURDAY 25 1857

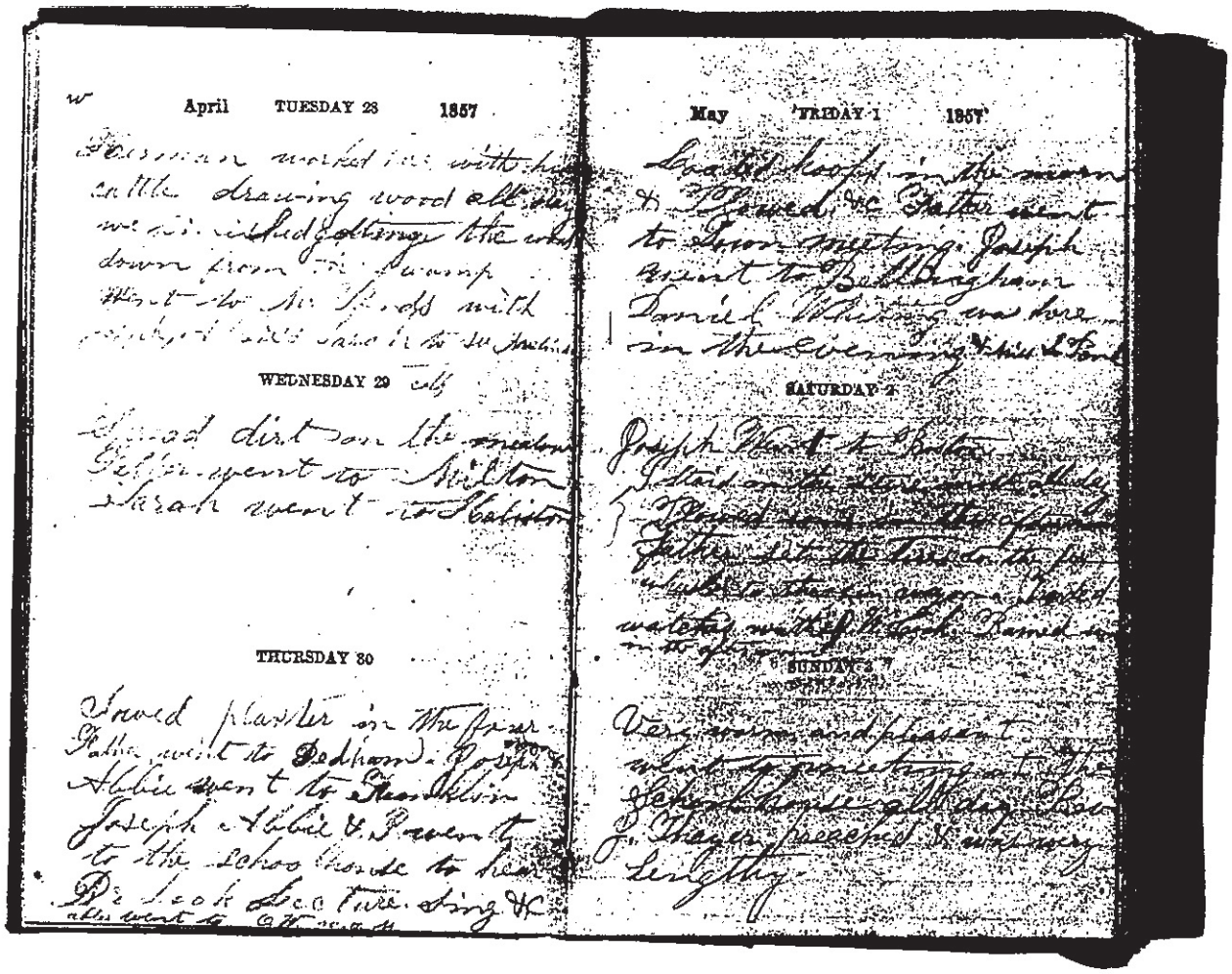
Loaded lumber in the morning. Staid in the Store most all day. Joseph went to Boston & c.

SUNDAY 26

Staid at home all day with Aunt Nancy.

MONDAY 27

Herman worked here a drawing wood with his cattle in the fournoon. Stormed in the afternoon.



April TUESDAY 28 1857

Hermon worked here with his cattle drawing wood all day. We finished getting the wood down from the swamp. Went to Mr. Ponds with Joseph, Abbie & Sarah to see Melinda.

WEDNESDAY 29

Spread dirt on the meadow. Father went to Milton. Sarah went to Holiston.

THURSDAY 30

Sowed plaster in the fournoon. Father went to Dedham. Joseph, Abbie went to Franklin. Joseph, Abbie & I went to the Schoolhouse to hear Dr. Look Lecture, Sing & c. After went to O.W. with M.

May FRIDAY 1 1857

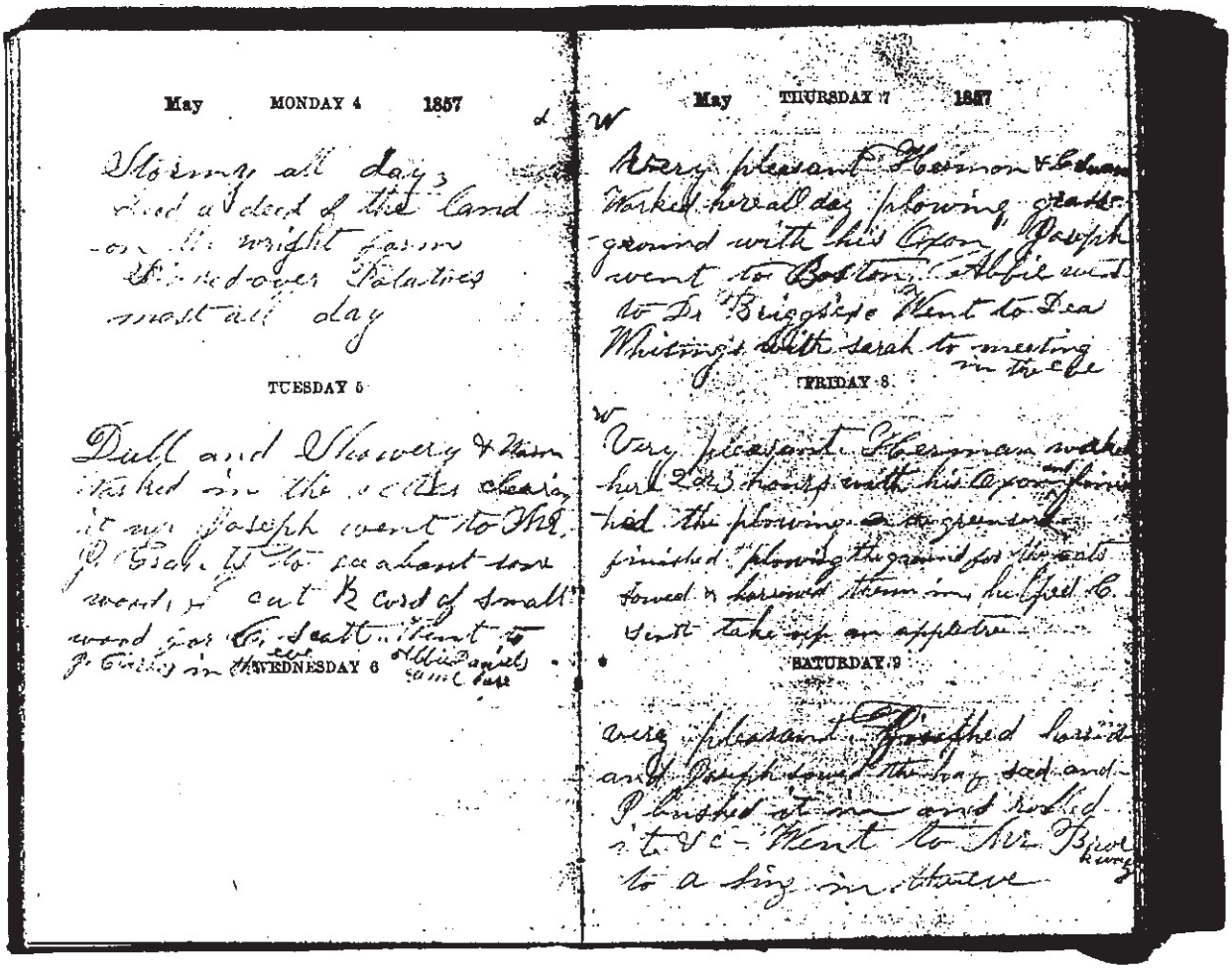
Loaded hoops in the morn & plowed & c. Father went to Town meeting. Joseph went to Bellingham. Daniel Whiting was here in the evening & Miss S. Pond.

SATURDAY 2

Joseph Went to Boston. I Staid in the store most all day. Plowed some in the afternoon. Father set the tires to the fore wheels in the oxen wagon. Traided watches with J.W. Cook. Rained some in the afternoon.

SUNDAY 3

Very warm and pleasant. Went to meeting at the Schoolhouse all day. Rev J. Thayer preached & was very lengthy.



May MONDAY 4 1857

Stormy all day. Recd a deed of the land on the *Wright farm. Picked over Potatoes most all day.

TUESDAY 5

Dull and Showery & warm. Worked in the cellar clearing it up. Joseph went to Mr. J. Grants to see about some wood. I cut ½ cord of small wood for C. Scott. Went to J. Clarks in the eve. Abbie Daniels came here.

WEDNESDAY 6

*See deed next page

May THURSDAY 7 1857

Very pleasant. Hermon & C. Swan worked here all day plowing grass ground with his Oxen. Joseph went to Boston. Abbie went to Dr. Briggses. Went to Dea Whiting's with Sarah to meeting.

(in the eve)

FRIDAY 8

Very pleasant. Herman worked here 2 or 3 hours with his oxan and finished the plowing the greensard*. Finished plowing the ground for the oats. Sowed & harrowed them in. Helped C. Scott take up an apple tree.

SATURDAY 9

Very pleasant. Finished harrowing and Joseph sowed the hay seed and I bushed it in and rolled it & C. Went to Mr. Brockway to a Sing in the eve.

Greensard (spelled greensward) a stretch of good grassy turf as defined by Websters New American Dictionary

See Monday, May 4 Diary entry

Norfolk Registry of Deeds - Book 255, page 125

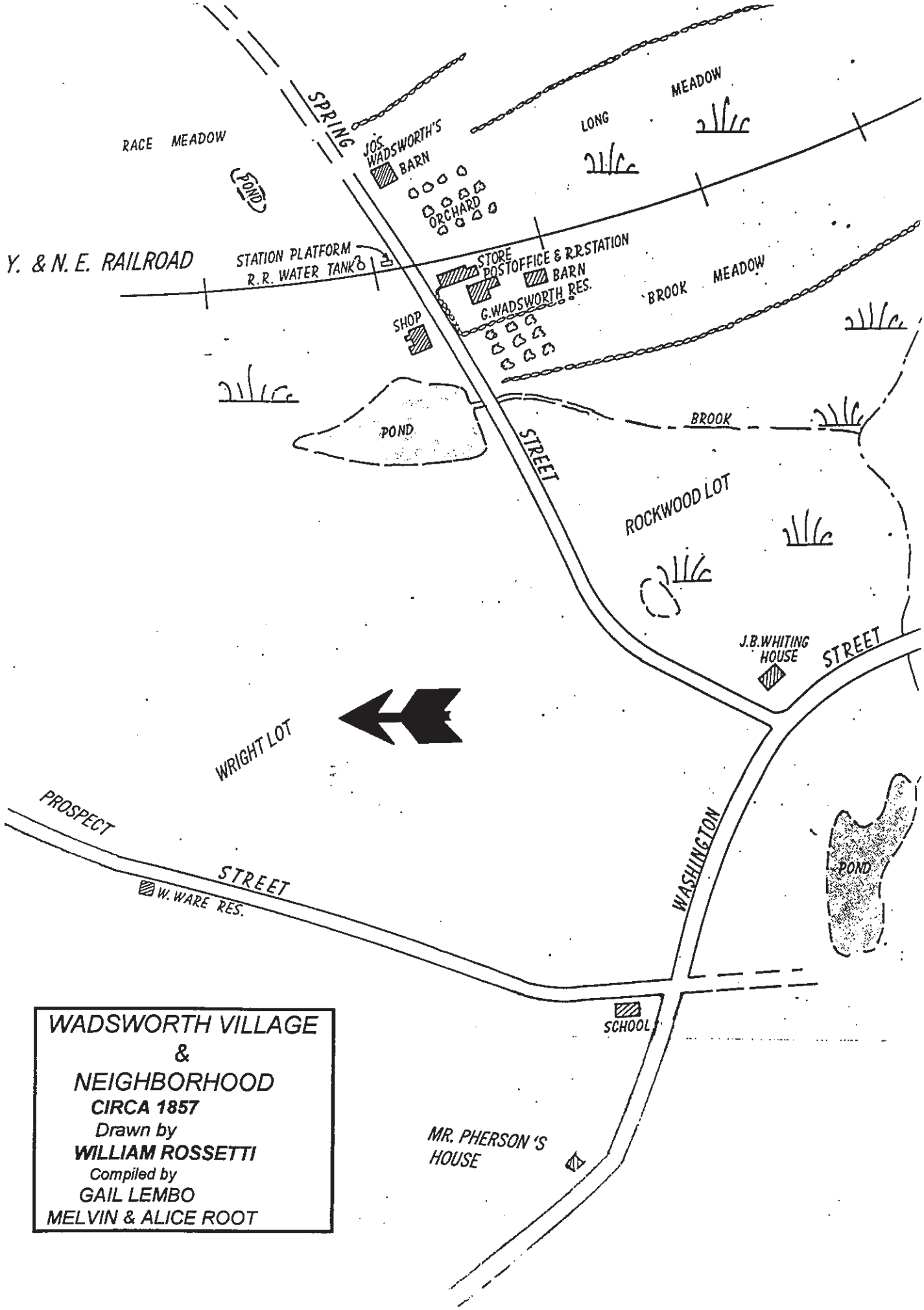
The following is the lot known as the Wright Farm:

Wadsworth to Wadsworth

Know all men by these presence that I, Seth Wadsworth of Franklin in the county of Norfolk and state of Massachusetts, yeoman, in consideration of four hundred dollars paid by Joseph H. Wadsworth and George M. Wadsworth, both of said Franklin in the county and state aforesaid, laborers, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have revised released and forever quitclaimed and do forever myself and my heirs by these presents revise release and forever quitclaim unto the said Joseph H. Wadsworth and George M. Wadsworth three adjoining lots of tillage mowing and grass land situated in the southwesterly part of said Franklin and lying on the east side of the town road leading from the house of James McPherson to the house of Mancy Cook, containing seven acres be the same more or less bounded as follows: westerly by the before named town road, northerly by a fence and stone wall which divides it from land now owned by Benjamin Foster, eastwardly and southwardly by a stone wall which divides said lot of land from lands now owned by Nathaniel Hawes.

To have & to hold the aforementioned premises with all the privileges & appurtenances thereunto belonging to them, the said Joseph H. and George M. Wadsworth their heirs and assigns forever so that neither the said Seth Wadsworth nor my heirs or any other persons or persons claiming from or under myself or them or in the name right or (?) of me or them shall or will by any way or means have claim or (?) any right or title to the aforesaid premises or their appurtenances or any part or parcel thereof forever. In witness whereof I the said Seth Wadsworth have here unto set my hand this fourth day of May in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven. Seth Wadsworth (seal) Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us, Paul B. Clark, Abbie L. Metcalf, Norfolk ss. May 4, 1857, Then the above named Seth Wadsworth acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed before me Paul B. Clark, Justice of the Peace.

May 11, 1857 Rec. entered unto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R.R. WATER TANK
STORE
POSTOFFICE & R.R.STATION
BARN
G.WADSWORTH RES.
BROOK MEADOW
SHOP
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J.B.WHITING HOUSE
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WASHINGTON
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WADSWORTH VILLAGE
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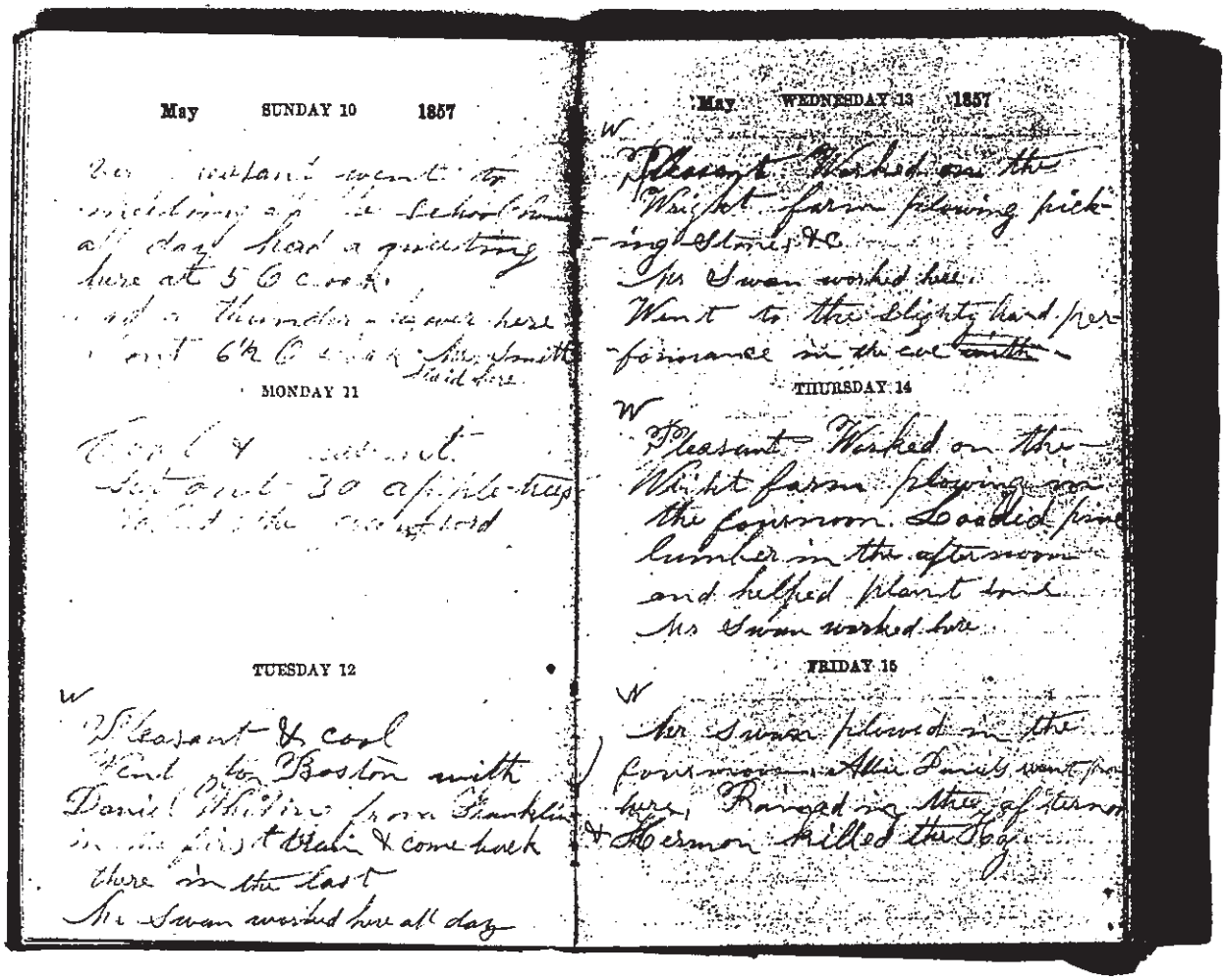


May SUNDAY 10 1857

MONDAY 11

TUESDAY 12

May WEDNESDAY 13 1857

THURSDAY 14

FRIDAY 15

May SUNDAY 10 1857

Very pleasant. Went to meeting at the School-house all day. Had a meeting here at 5 o'clock. Had a thunder shower here about 6 ½ o'clock. Mr. Smith staid here.

MONDAY 11

Cool & pleasant. Set out 30 apple trees. Rolled and greensard.

TUESDAY 12

Pleasant & cool. Went to Boston with Daniel Whiting from Franklin in the first train & came back there in the last. Mr. Swan worked here all day.

May WEDNESDAY 13 1857

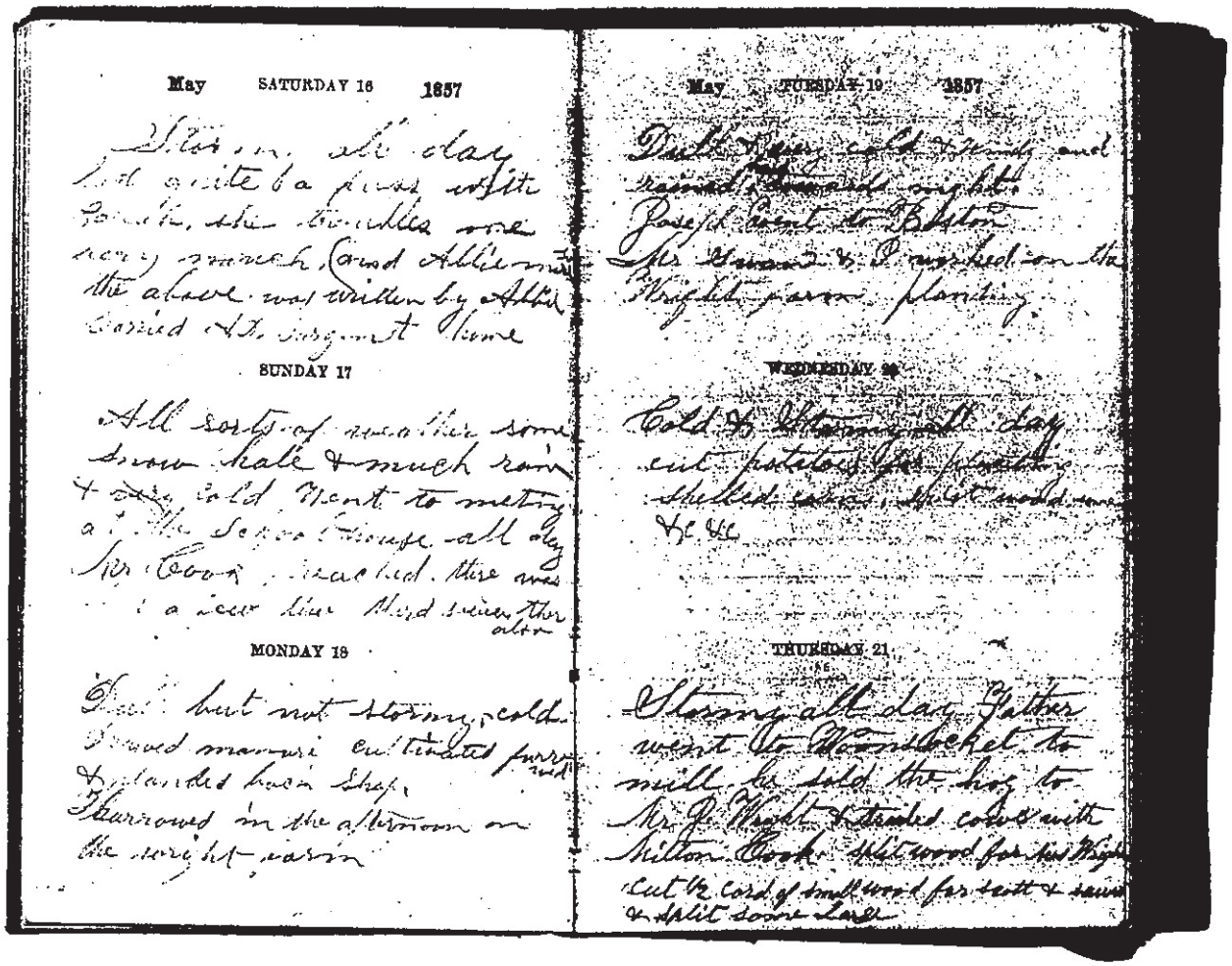
Pleasant. Worked on the Wright farm, plowing, picking stone & c. Mr. Swan worked here. Went to the Slightly hard performance in the eve with _____.

THURSDAY 14

Pleasant. Worked on the Wright farm, plowing in the fournoon. Loaded pine lumber in the afternoon and helped plant some. Mr. Swan worked here.

FRIDAY 15

Mr. Swan plowed in the fournoon. Abbie Daniels went from here. Rained in the afternoon & Herman killed the Hog.



May SATURDAY 16 1857

Stormy all day. Had quite a fuss with Sarah, she troubles me very much (and Abbie {?}). The above was written by Abbie. Carried A.D. Sargent home.

SUNDAY 17

All sorts of weather, some snow, hale & much rain & very cold. Went to meeting at the School-house all day. Mr. Cook preached. There was but few there. Third (?) ther also.

MONDAY 18

Dull but not stormy, cold. Drawed manure, cultivated, furrowed & planted back shop. Harrowed in the afternoon on the Wright farm.

May TUESDAY 19 1857

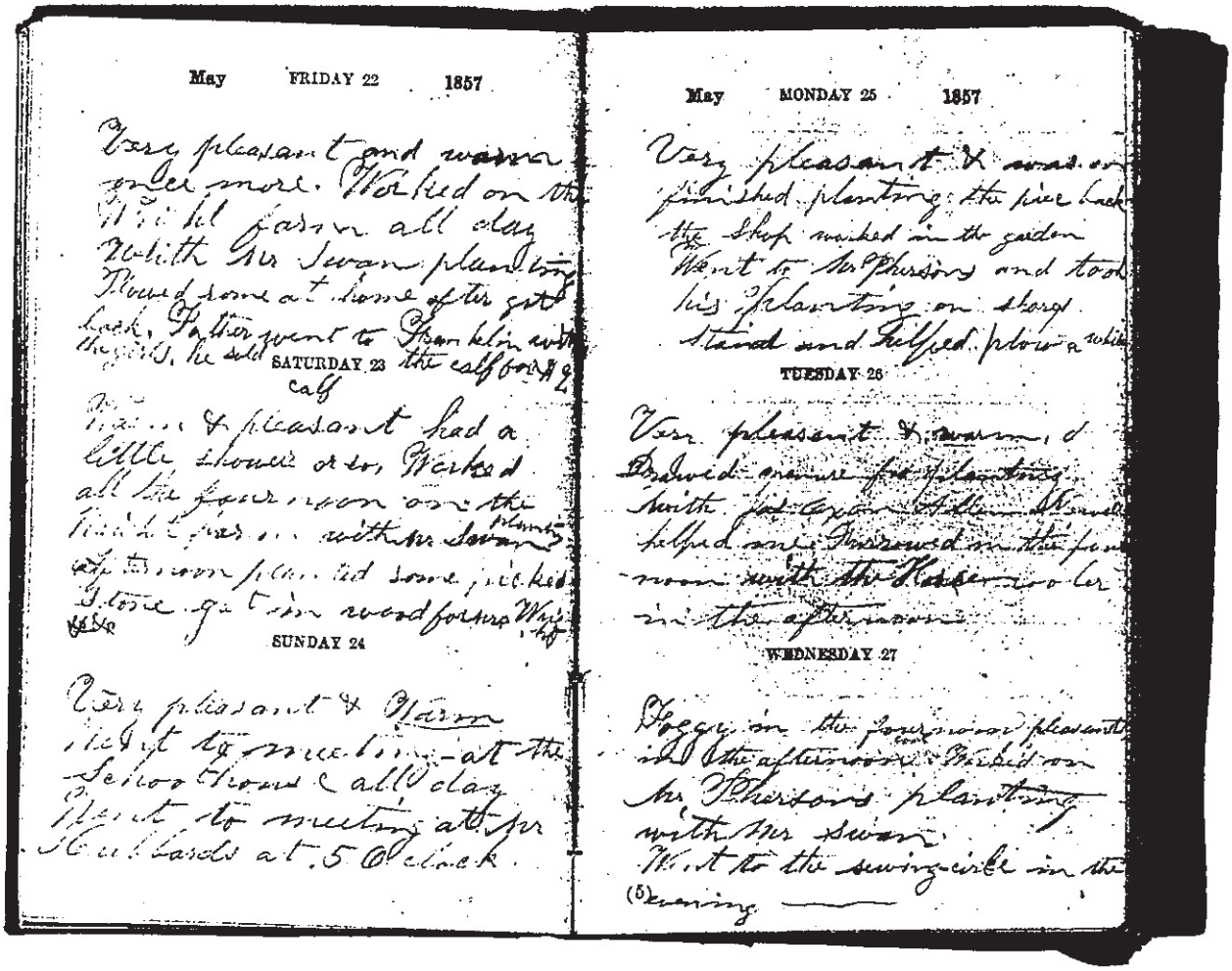
Dull & very cold & windy and rained hard towards night. Joseph went to Boston. Mr. Swan & I worked on the Wright farm planting.

WEDNESDAY 20

Cold & Stormy all day. Cut potatoes for planting. Shelled corn. Split wood some & c & c.

THURSDAY 21

Stormy all day. Father went to Woonsocket to mill. He sold the hog to Mr. J. Wright & traded cows with Milton Cook. Split wood for Mrs. Wright. Cut ½ cord of small wood for Scott & sawed & split some large.



May FRIDAY 22 1857

Very pleasant and warm once more. Worked on the Wright farm all day with Mr Swan planting. Plowed some at home after got back. Father went to Franklin with the girls. He sold the calf for $9.

SATURDAY 23

Warm & pleasant had a little shower or so. Worked all the fournoon on the Wright farm with Mr Swan planting. Afternoon planted some picked stone got in wood for Mrs Wright

SUNDAY 24

Very pleasant & Warm Went to meeting at the School House all day Went to meeting at Mr Hubbards at 5 O'clock.

May MONDAY 25 1857

Very pleasant & warm. Finished planting the piece back the Shop worked in the garden Went to Mr Phersons and took his planting on shares. Staid and helped plow a while

TUESDAY 26

Very pleasant & warm. I drawed manure for planting with Jos Oxan Allan Newell helped me Furrowed in the fournoon with the Horse Cooler in the afternoon

WEDNESDAY 27

Foggy in the fournoon pleasant in the afternoon Worked on Mr Phersons planting with Mr Swan Went to the sewing-circle in the evening

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Warm & pleasant. Had a little shower or so. Worked all the fournoon on the Wright farm with Mr. Swan planting some, picked stone, got in wood for Mrs. Wright.

SUNDAY 24

Very pleasant & Warm. Went to meeting at the School-house all day. Went to meeting at Mr. Hubbards at 5 o'clock.

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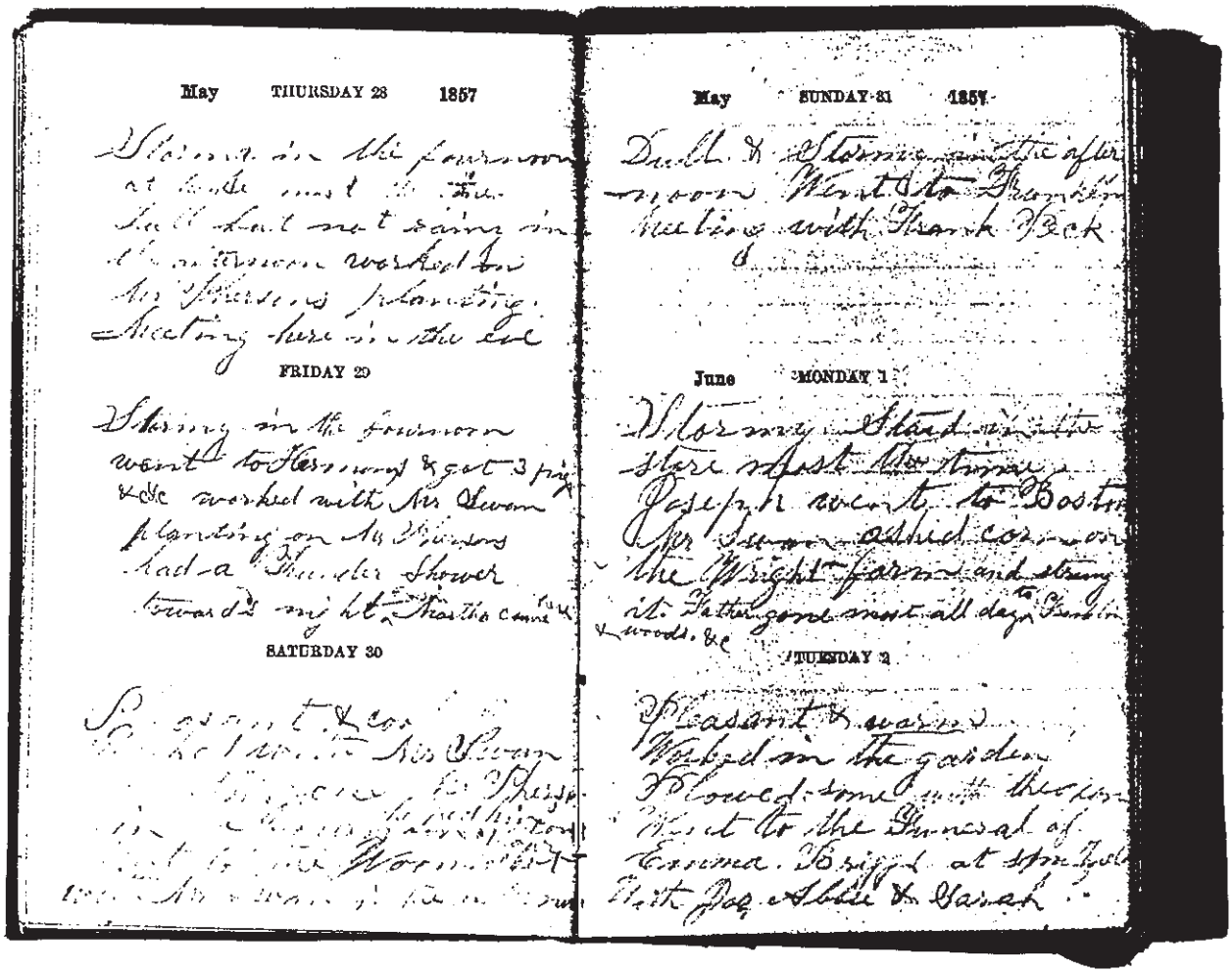
TUESDAY 26

Very pleasant & warm. I drawed manure for planting with Jos Oxan. Allan Newell helped me. Furrowed in the fournoon with the Horse. Cooler in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 27

Foggy in the fournoon, pleasant in the afternoon. Worked on Mr. Phersons planting with Mr. Swan. Went to the sewing-circle in the evening -------.



May THURSDAY 28 1857

Stormy in the fournoon at home most the time. Dull but not rainy in the afternoon worked in Mr Phersons planting. Meeting here in the eve

FRIDAY 29

Stormy in the fournoon went to Hermons & got 3 pigs &c worked with Mr Swan planting on Mr Phersons had a Thunder Shower towards night Martha came here

SATURDAY 30

Pleasant & cool [illegible]

May SUNDAY 31 1857

Dull & Stormy in the afternoon Went to Franklin Meeting with Frank Peck

June MONDAY 1

Stormy Staid in the store most the time Joseph went to Boston Mr Swan ashed corn on the Wright farm and strung it Father gone most all day to Franklin woods &c

TUESDAY 2

Pleasant & warm Worked in the garden Plowed some with the oxen Went to the Funeral of Emma Briggs at Smithfield with Jos. Abbie & Sarah

May THURSDAY 28 1857

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FRIDAY 29

Stormy in the fournoon. Went to Hermons & got 3 pigs & c & c. Worked with Mr. Swan planting on Mr. Phersons. Had a thunder shower towards night. Cousin Martha came here.

SATURDAY 30

Pleasant & cool. Worked with Mr. Swan planting on Mr. Phersons in the fournoon - helped him 1 hour Went to the Woonsocket with Mr. Swan in the afternoon.

May SUNDAY 31 1857

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June MONDAY 1

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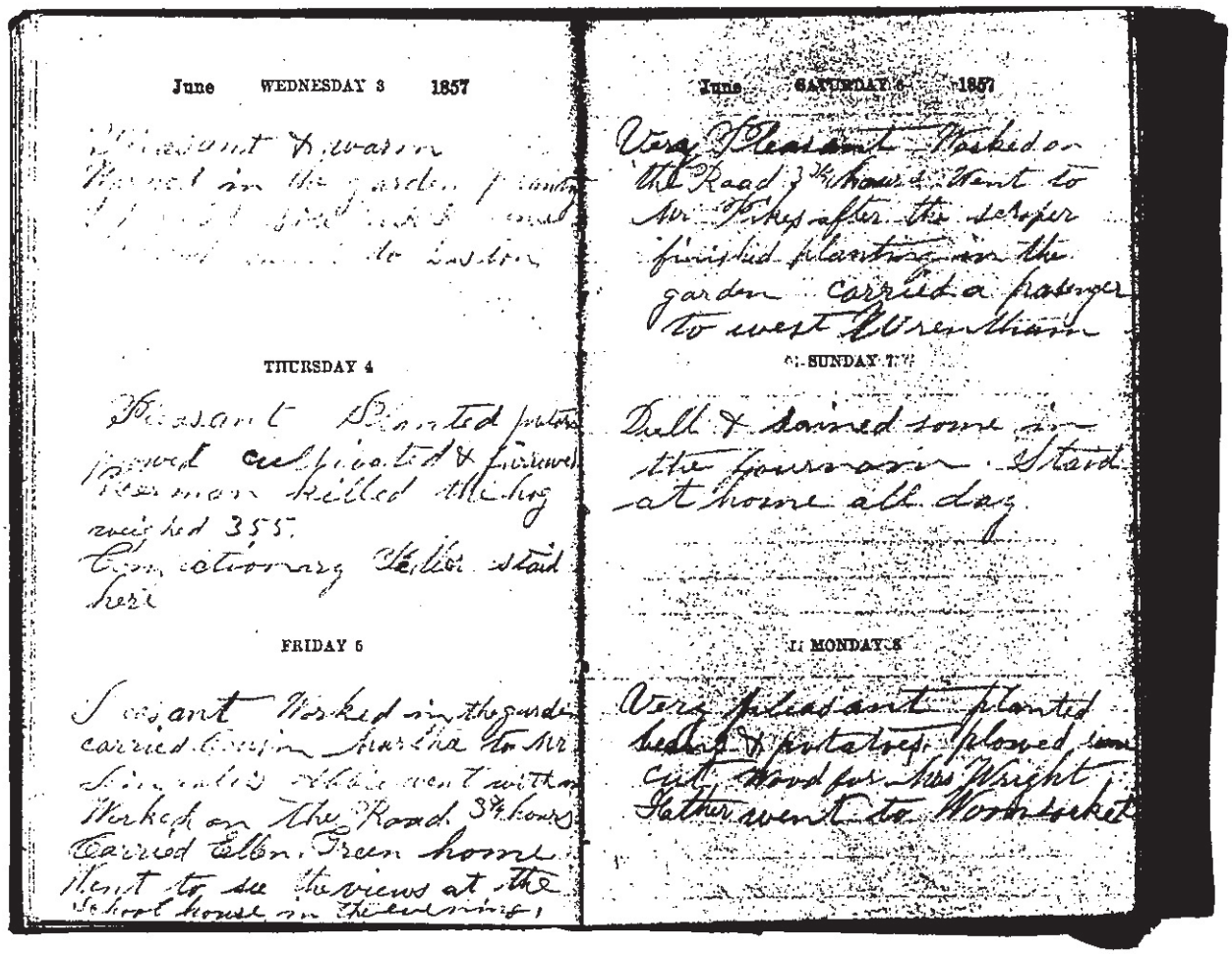


June WEDNESDAY 3 1857

Pleasant & warm
Worked in the garden planting
[illegible] side the RR some
[illegible] to Boston

THURSDAY 4

Pleasant Planted potatoes
Plowed cultivated & furrowed
Herman killed the hog
weighed 355
Confectionary Peddler staid
here

FRIDAY 5

Pleasant Worked in the garden
carried Cousin Martha to Mr
Lincoln's Abbie went with me
Worked on the Road 3¾ hours
Carried Ellen Green home
Went to see the views at the
School house in the evening

June SATURDAY 6 1857

Very Pleasant Worked on
the Road 3¼ hours Went to
Mr Pikes after the scraper
finished planting in the
garden carried a passenger
to west Wrentham

SUNDAY 7

Dull & rained some in
the fournoon Staid
at home all day

MONDAY 8

Very pleasant planted
beans & potatoes plowed some
cut wood for Mrs Wright
Father went to Woonsocket

June WEDNESDAY 3 1857

Pleasant & warm. Worked in the garden planting & planted side the RR some. Sarah went to Boston.

THURSDAY 4

Pleasant. Planted potatoes. Plowed, cultivated and furrowed. Herman killed the Hog. Weighed 355. Confectionary Pedler staid here.

FRIDAY 5

Pleasant. Worked in the garden. Carried Cousin Martha to Mr. Lincoln's. Abbie went with me. Worked on the Road 3 ¾ hours. Carried Ellen Green home. Went to see the views at the School house in the evening.

June SATURDAY 6 1857

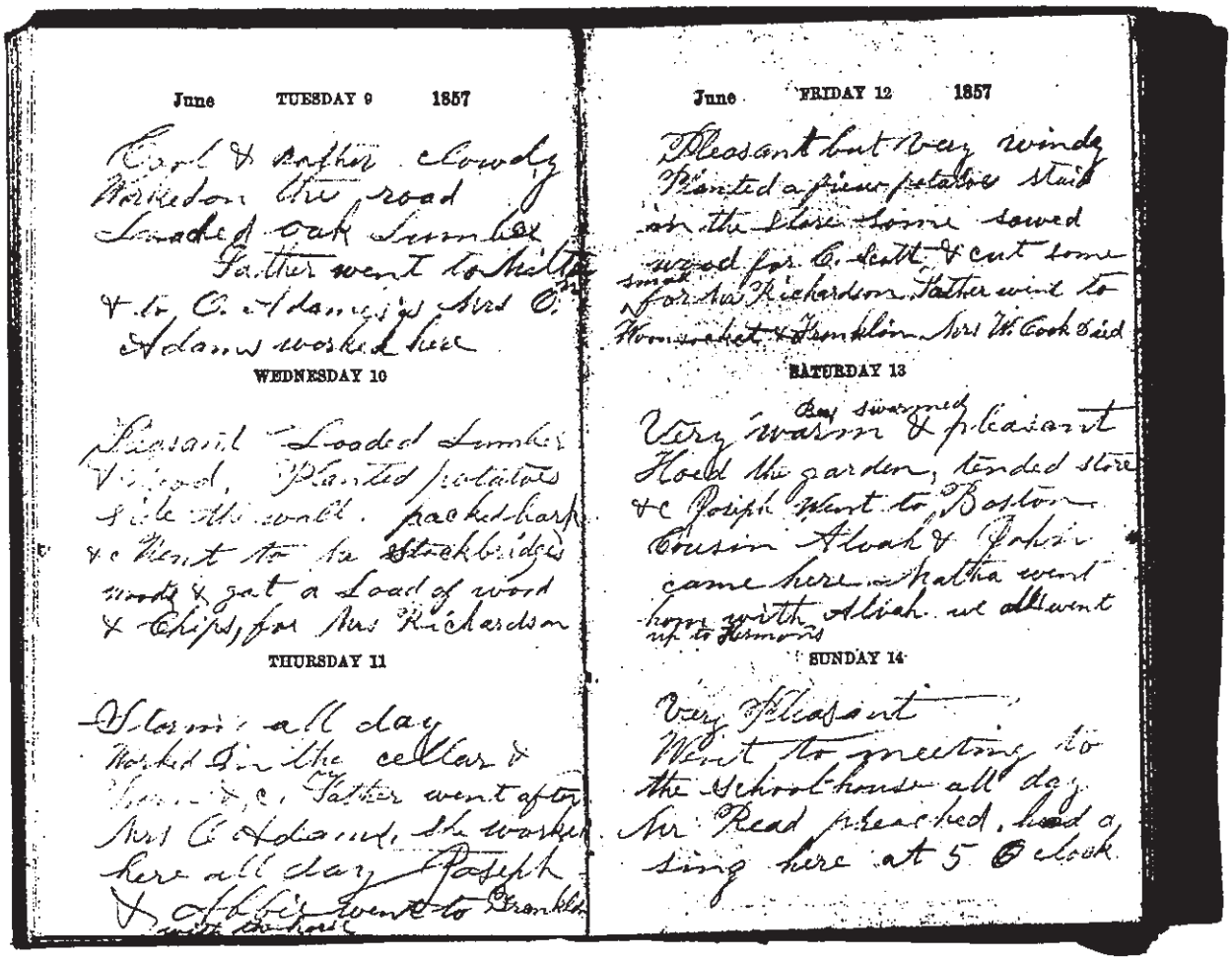
Very pleasant. Worked on the Road 3 ¼ hours. Went to Mr. Pikes after the scraper. Finished planting in the garden. Carried a pasenger to west Wrentham.

SUNDAY 7

Dull & rained some in the fournoon. Staid at home all day.

MONDAY 8

Very pleasant. Planted beans & potatoes. Plowed some. Cut wood for Mrs. Wright. Father went to Woonsocket.



June TUESDAY 9 1857

Cool & rather clowdy
Worked on the road
Loaded oak lumber
Father went to Milton
& to O. Adams's Mrs O.
Adams worked here

WEDNESDAY 10

Pleasant Loaded lumber
& wood, Planted potatoes
side the wall. packed bark
& c Went to Mr Stockbridges
woods & got a load of wood
& chips, for Mrs Richardson

THURSDAY 11

Stormy all day
Worked in the cellar &
Barn & c. Father went after
Mrs O Adams. She worked
here all day Joseph
& Abbie went to Franklin
with horse

June FRIDAY 12 1857

Pleasant but very windy
Planted a few potatoes staid
in the Store some sawed
wood for C. Scott & cut some
small wood
for Mrs Richardson Father went to
Woonsocket & Franklin Mrs W. Cook died

SATURDAY 13

Very warm & pleasant
Bees swarmed
Hoed the garden, tended store
& c Joseph went to Boston
Cousin Alvah & John
came here Matha went
home with Alvah we all went
up to Hermons

SUNDAY 14

Very Pleasant
Went to meeting to
the School-house all day
Mr Read preached. had a
sing here at 5 O clock

June TUESDAY 9 1857

Cool & rather clowdy. Worked on the road. Loaded oak lumber. Father went to Milton & to O. Adames's. Mrs. O. Adams worked here.

WEDNESDAY 10

Pleasant. Loaded lumber & wood Planted potatoes side the wall. Packed bark & c. Went to Mr. Stockbridges woods & got a load of wood & chips for Mrs. Richardson.

THURSDAY 11

Stormy all day. Worked in the cellar & Barn & c. Father went after Mrs. O. Adams. She worked here all day. Joseph & Abbie went to Franklin with the horse.

June FRIDAY 12 1857

Pleasant but very windy. Planted a few potatoes. Staid in the Store some. Sawed wood for C. Scott & cut some small wood for Mrs. Richardson. Father went to Woonsocket & Franklin. Mrs. W. Cook died.

SATURDAY 13

Bees swarmed

Very warm & pleasant. Hoed the garden, tended store & c. Joseph went to Boston. Cousin Alvah & John came here. Matha went home with Alvah. We all went up to Hermans.

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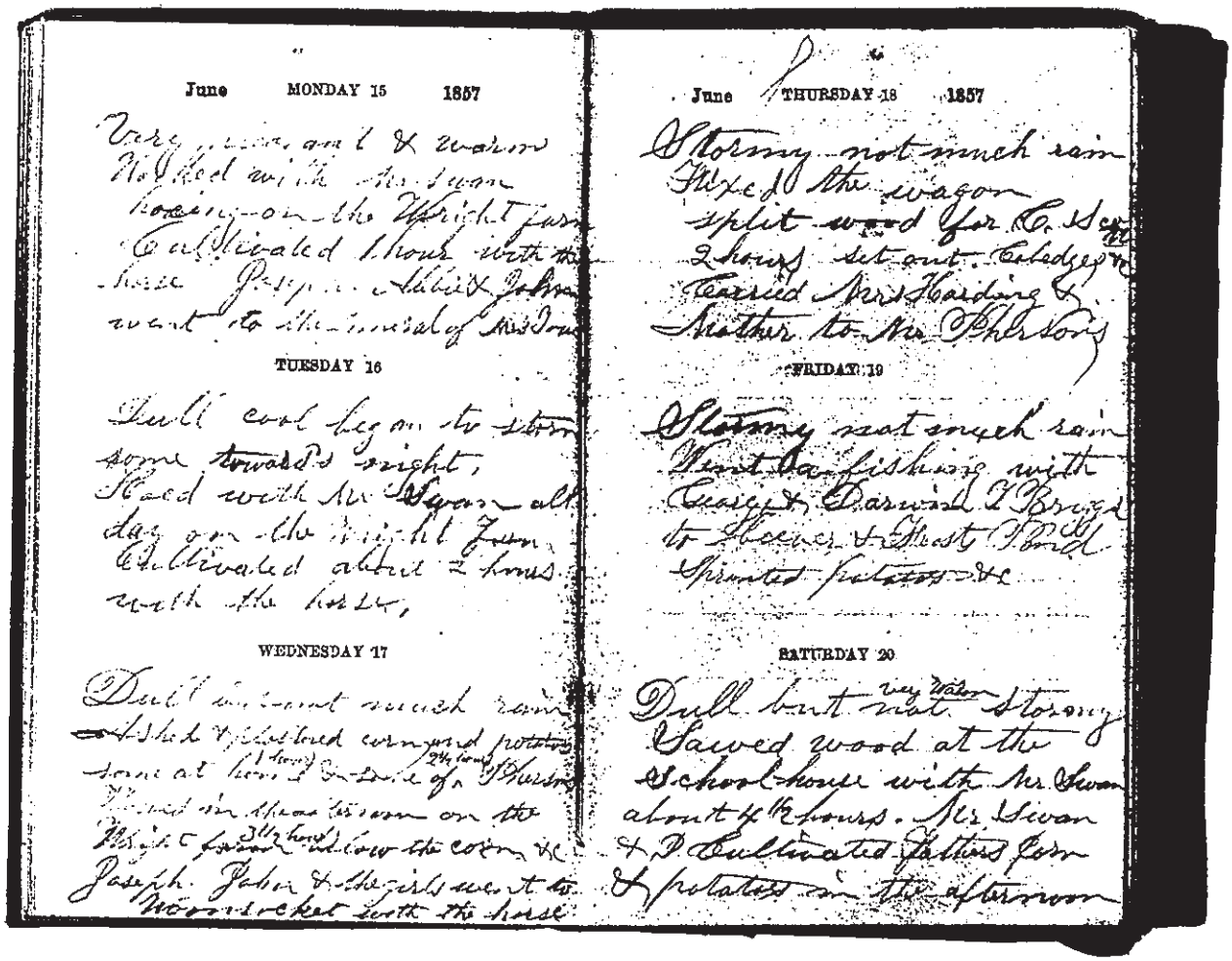


June MONDAY 15 1857

June THURSDAY 18 1857

June MONDAY 15 1857

Very pleasant & warm. Worked with Mr. Swan hoeing on the Wright farm. Cultivated 1 hour with the horse. Joseph, Abbie & John went to the funeral of Mrs. (? (W. Cook?).

TUESDAY 16

Dull, cool, began to storm some towards night. Hoed with Mr. Swan all day on the Wright Farm. Cultivated about 2 hours with the horse.

WEDNESDAY 17

Dull but not much rain. Ashed and plastered corn and potatoes some at home (1 hour) & some for (2 ½ hours) for Phersons. Plowed in the afternoon on the Wright farm (3 ½ hours) below the corn & c. Joseph, John and the girls went to Woonsocket with the horse.

June THURSDAY 18 1857

Stormy, not much rain. Fixed the wagon. Split wood for C. Scott 2 hours. Set out Cabedges & c. Carried Mrs. Harding & Mother to Mr. Phersons.

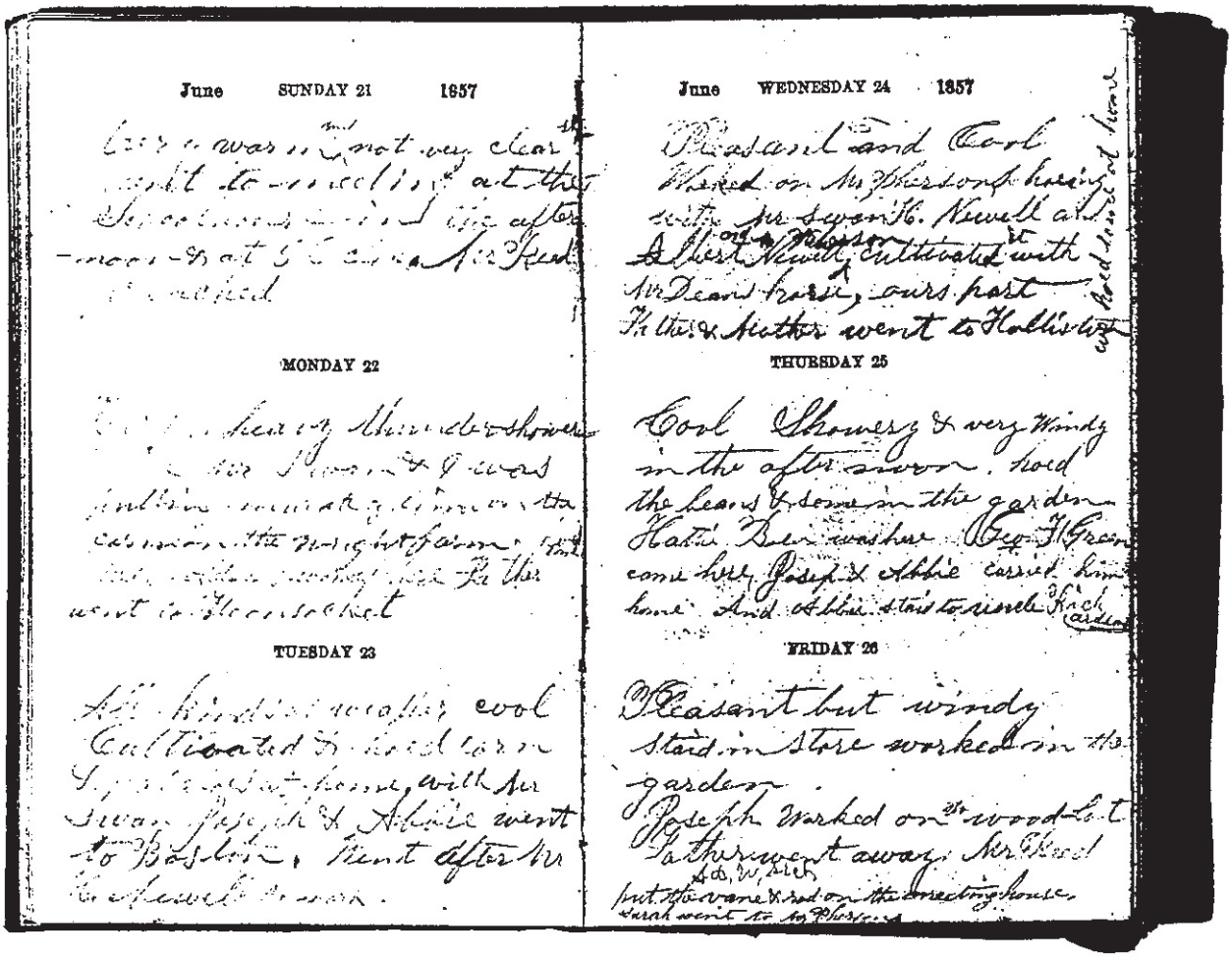
FRIDAY 19

Stormy, not much rain. Went fishing with George & Darwin, T. Briggs to beever and Frosts Pond. Sprouted potatoes & c.

SATURDAY 20

Very warm

Dull but not stormy. Sawed wood at the School-house with Mr. Swan about 4 ½ hours. Mr. Swan & I cultivated Father's corn & potatoes in the afternoon.



June SUNDAY 21 1857

June WEDNESDAY 24 1857

MONDAY 22

THURSDAY 25

TUESDAY 23

FRIDAY 26

June SUNDAY 21 1857

Very warm and not very clear. Went to meeting at the Schoolhouse in the afternoon & at 5 o'clock. Mr. Reed preached.

MONDAY 22

Haid a heavy thunder shower while Mr. Swan & I was putting murate of lime in the corn on the Wright farm. Hoed some. Mrs. O. Adams worked here. Father went to Woonsocket.

TUESDAY 23

All kinds of weather, cool. Cultivated & hoed corn & potatoes at home with Mr. Swan. Joseph & Abbie went to Boston. Went after Mr. H. Newell to work.

June WEDNESDAY 24 1857

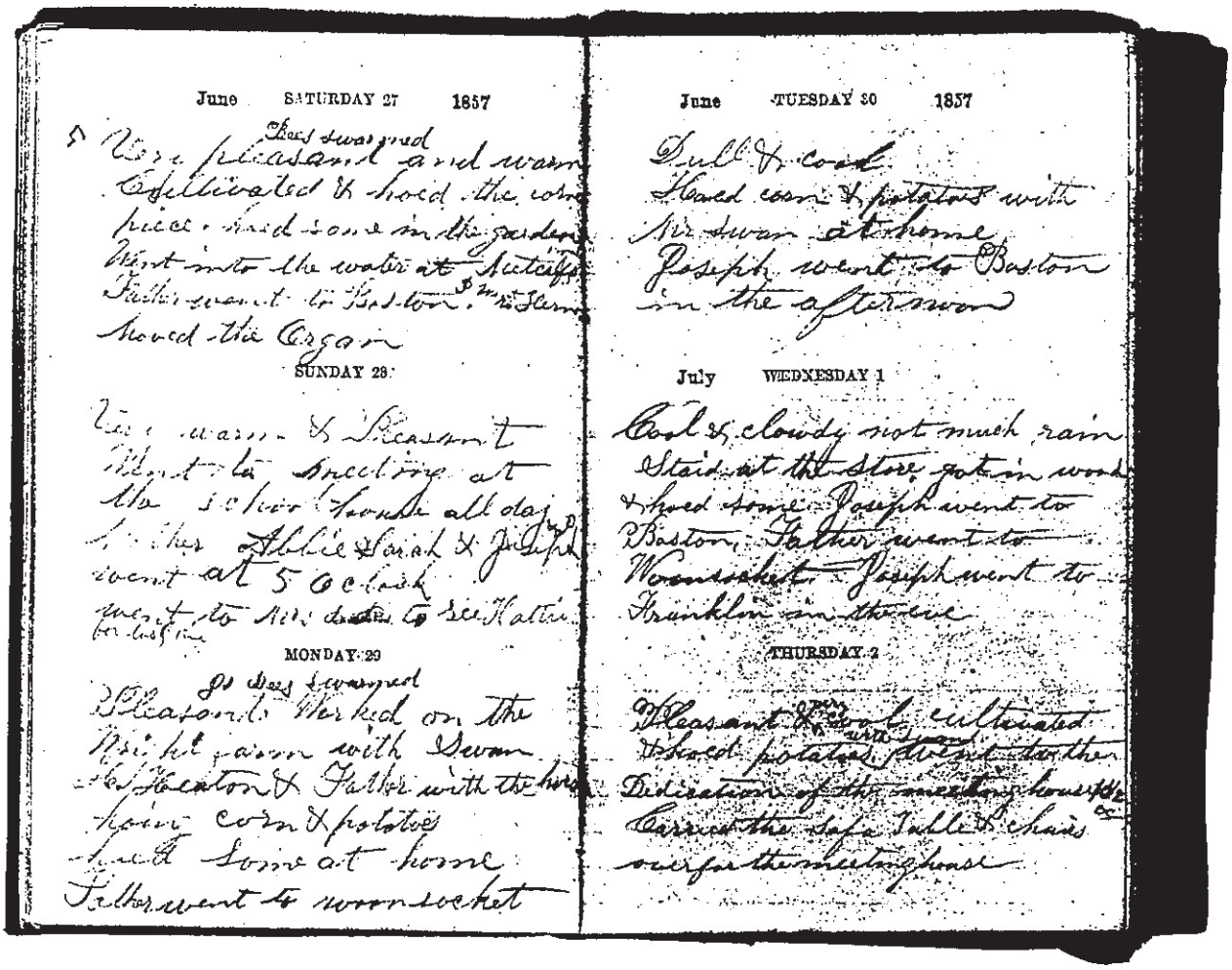
Pleasant and Cool. Worked on Mr. Phersons hoeing with Mr. Swan. H. Newell and Albert Newell and Mr. Pherson cultivated it with Mr. Deans horse, ours part. Father & Mother went to Holliston
(written on side - we hoed some at home)

THURSDAY 25

Cool, Showery & very windy in the afternoon. Hoed the beans & some in the garden. Hattie Baker was here. Geo F. Green came here. Joseph & Abbie carried him home and Abbie staid to Uncle Richardsons.

FRIDAY 26

Pleasant but windy. Staid in Store. Worked on in the garden. Joseph worked on the wood lot. Father went away. Mr. Reed put the vane (A & W sick) & rod on the meeting-house. Sarah went to Mr. Phersons.



June SATURDAY 27 1857

Bees swarmed
Very pleasant and warm
Cultivated & hoed the corn
piece. Hoed some in the garden
Went into the water at Metcalfs
Father went to Boston. I went to Herm
Moved the Organ

SUNDAY 28

Very warm & Pleasant
Went to meeting at
the school house all day
Mother Abbie Sarah & Joseph
went at 5 o'clock
went to Mrs. to see Hattie
for last time

MONDAY 29

Jos Bees Swarmed
Pleasant. Worked on the
Wright farm with Swan
H. Heaton & Father with the horse
hoeing corn & potatoes
Hoed some at home
Father went to woonsocket

June TUESDAY 30 1857

Dull & cool
Hoed corn & potatoes with
Mr Swan at home
Joseph went to Boston
in the afternoon

July WEDNESDAY 1

Cool & cloudy not much rain
Staid at the store got in wood
& hoed some Joseph went to
Boston Father went to
Woonsocket Joseph went to
Franklin in the eve

THURSDAY 2

Pleasant & cool cultivated
& hoed potatoes went to the
Dedication of the meeting house 4½
Carried the Sofa Table & chairs
over for the meeting house

June SATURDAY 27 1857

Bees Swarmed

Very pleasant and warm. Cultivated & hoed the corn piece. Hoed some in the garden. Went into the water at Metcalfs. Father went to Boston. I went to Hermans. Moved the Organ.

SUNDAY 28

Very warm & pleasant. Went to meeting at the school-house all day. Mother, Abbie, Sarah & Joseph went at 5 o'clock. Went to Mrs. (?) to see Hattie for last time.

MONDAY 29

Jos Bees Swarmed

Pleasant. Worked on the Wright farm with Swan, H. Heaton & Father with the horse hoeing corn & potatoes. Hoed some at home. Father went to Woonsocket.

June TUESDAY 30 1857

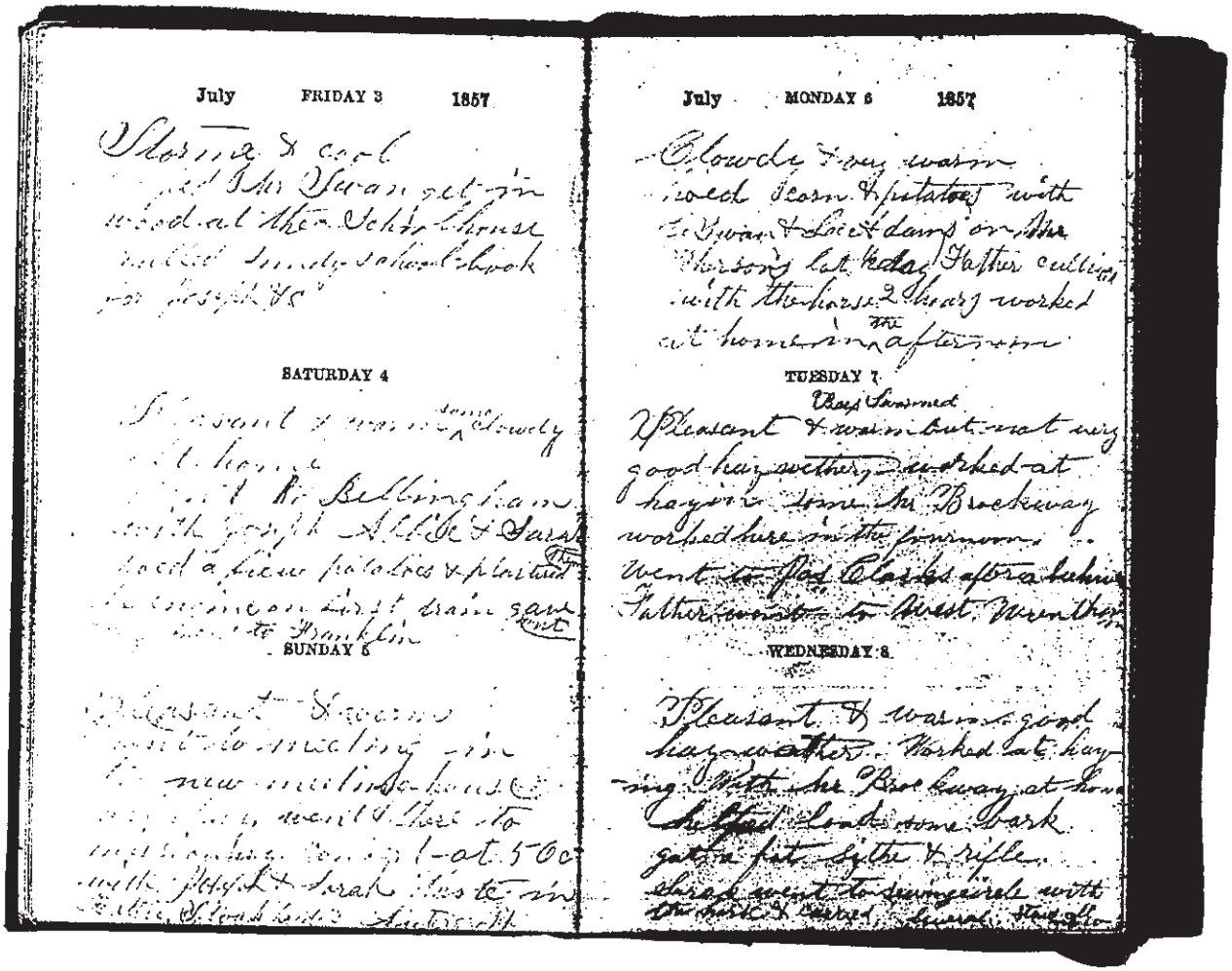
Dull & Cool. Hoed corn & potatoes with Mr. Swan at home. Joseph went to Boston in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 1

Cool & clowdy, not much rain. Staid at the store, got in wood & hoed some. Joseph went to Boston. Father went to Woonsocket. Joseph went to Franklin in the eve.

THURSDAY 2

Pleasant & very cool, cultivated & hoed potatoes with Swan. Went to the Dedication of the meeting house 4 ½ o c. Carried the Sofa, Table & chairs over for the meeting house.



July FRIDAY 3 1857

July MONDAY 6 1857

July FRIDAY 3 1857

Stormy & cool. Helped Mr. Swan get in wood at the Schoolhouse. Rulled Sunday-school book for Joseph & c.

SATURDAY 4

Pleasant & warm, some clowdy. At home. Went to Bellingham with Joseph, Abbie & Sarah. Hoed a few potatoes & plastered them. The engine on the first train gave out, only went to Franklin.

SUNDAY 5

Pleasant & warm. Went to meeting in the new meeting house all day. Went there to missionary concert at 5 o'clock with Joseph & Sarah. Wrote in Hattie Stockbridges Autograph.

July MONDAY 6 1857

Clowdy & very warm. Hoed corn & potatoes with C. Swan & (?) on Mr. Pherson's lot ½ day. Father cultivated the the horse, 2 hours. Worked at home in the afternoon.

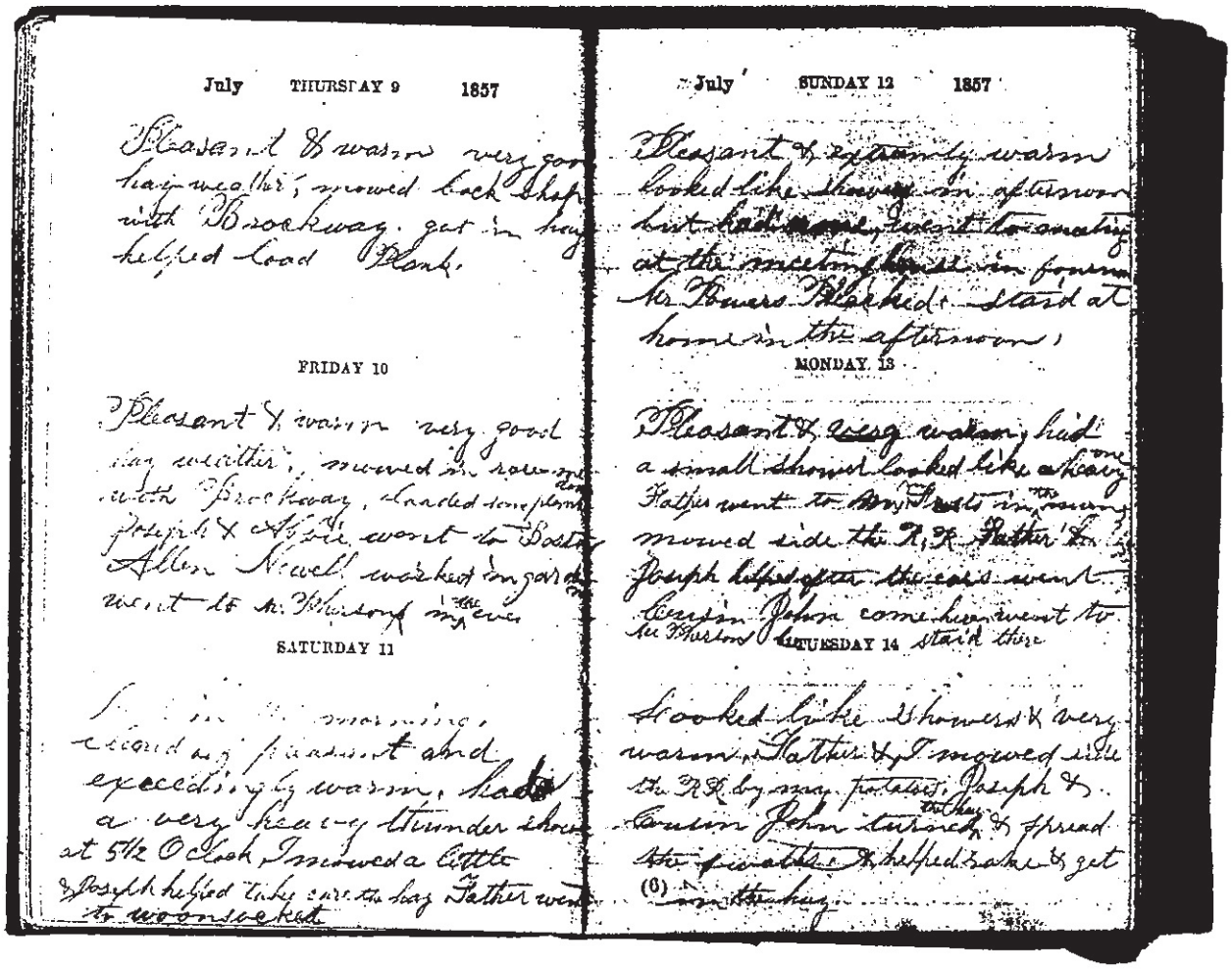
TUESDAY 7

Bees swarmed

Pleasant & warm but not very good hay wether. Worked at haying some. Mr. Brockway worked here in the fournoon. Went to Jos Clarks after a beehive. Father went to West Wrentham.

WEDNESDAY 8

Pleasant & warm. Good hay wether. Worked at haying with Mr. Brockway at home. Helped load some bark. Got a hat sythe & rifle. Sarah went to sewing circle with the horse & carried several. Staid all night.



July THURSDAY 9 1857

July SUNDAY 12 1857

July THURSDAY 9 1857

Pleasant & warm. Very good hay weather, mowed back shop with Brockway. Got in hay. Helped load plank.

FRIDAY 10

Pleasant & warm. Very good hay weather. Mowed in race meadow with Brockway. Loaded some planks. Joseph & Abbie went to Boston. Allen Newell worked in garden. Went to Mr. Phersons in the eve.

SATURDAY 11

Dull in morning. Cleared off, pleasant and exceedingly warm. Had a very heavy thunder shower at 5 ½ o'clock. I mowed a little & Joseph helped take care the hay. Father went to Woonsocket.

July SUNDAY 12 1857

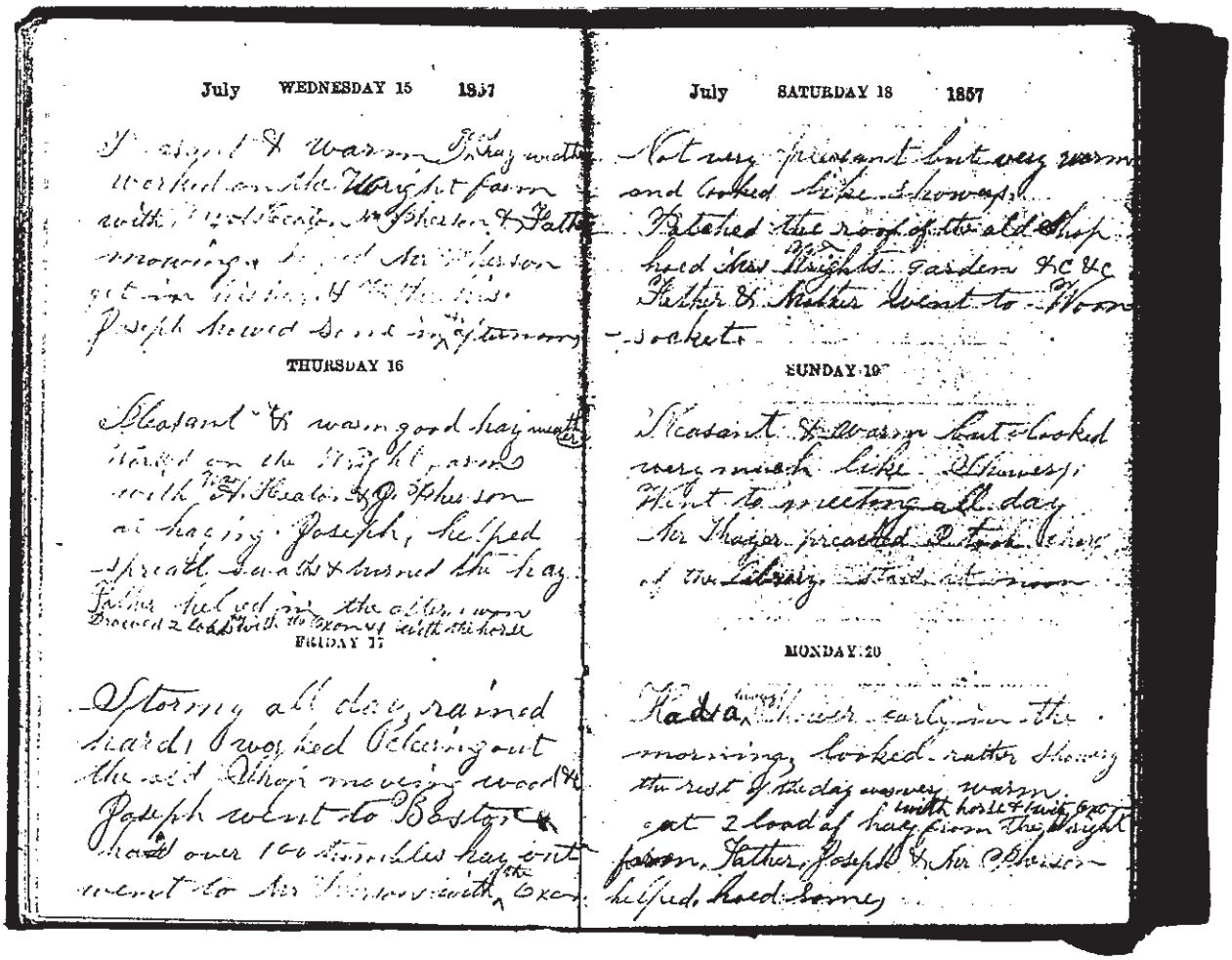
Pleasant & extreemly warm. Looked like showers in the afternoon but had none. Went to meeting at the meeting house in fournoon. Mr. Powers Preached. Staid at home in the afternoon.

MONDAY 13

Pleasant & very warm. Had a small shower, looked like a heavy one. Father went to Mrs. Frosts in the morn. Mowed side the R.R. Father & Joseph helped after the cars went. Cousin John came here, went to Mr. Phersons, he staid there.

TUESDAY 14

Looked like showers & very warm. Father & I mowed side the RR by my potatoes. Joseph & Cousin John turned the hay & spread the swaths & helped rake & get in the hay.



July WEDNESDAY 15 1857

July SATURDAY 18 1857

July WEDNESDAY 15 1857

Pleasant & warm. Good hay weather. Worked in the Wright farm with Wm A. Heaton. Mr. Pherson & Father mowing. Helped Mr. Pherson get in his hay & Father his. Joseph mowed some in the afternoon.

THURSDAY 16

Pleasant & warm. Good hay weather. Worked on the Wright farm with Mr. A Heaton & J. Pherson at haying. Joseph helped spread swaths & turned the hay. Father helped in the afternoon. Drawed 2 loads hay with the oxan & with the horse.

FRIDAY 17

Stormy all day, rained hard. Worked cleering out the old Shop, moving wood & c. Joseph went to Boston. Had over 100 tumbles hay out. Went to Mr. Phersons with the oxan.

July SATURDAY 18 1857

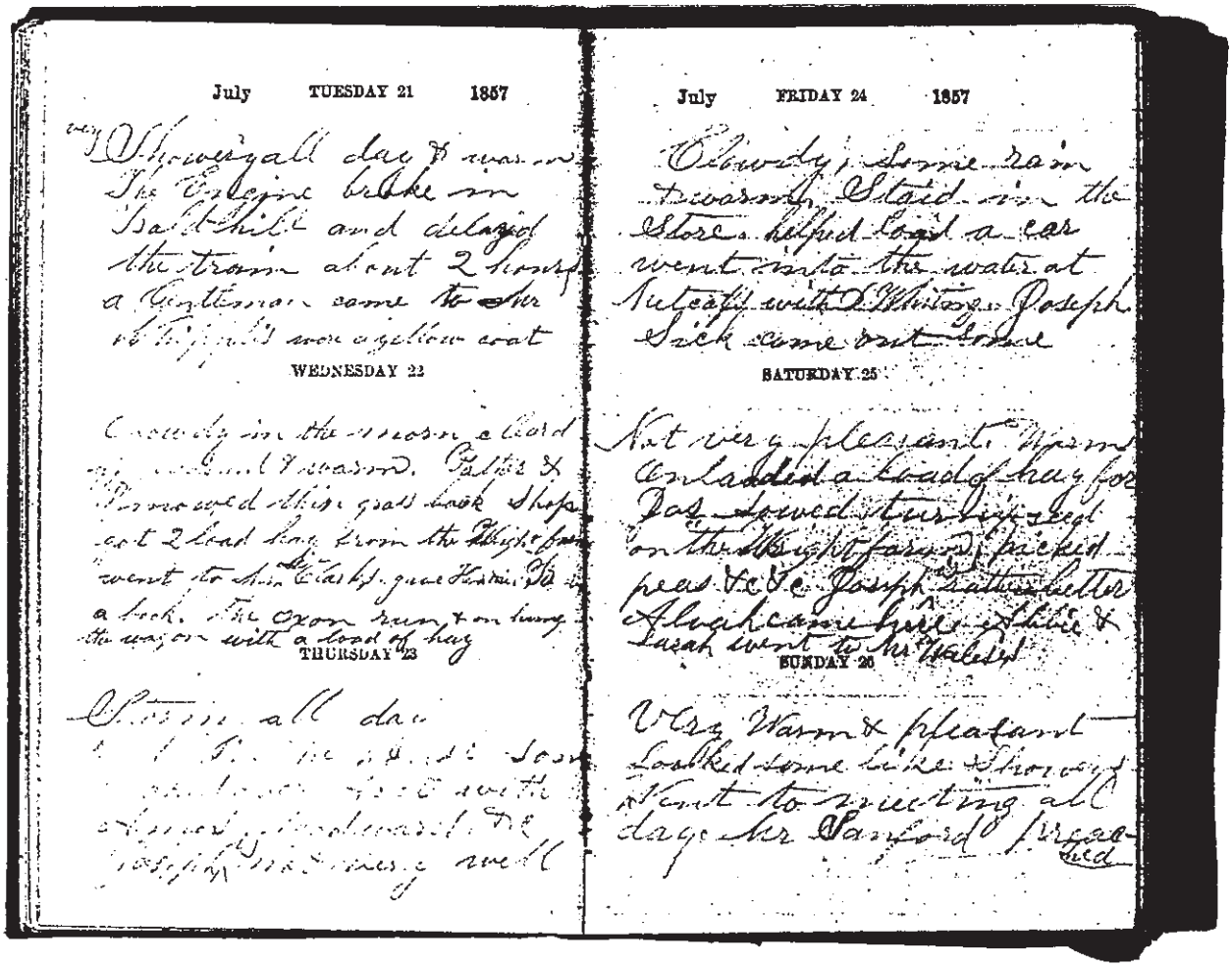
Not very pleasant but very warm and looked like showers. Patched the roof of the old Shop. Hoed Mrs. Wrights garden & c & c. Father & Mother went to Woonsocket.

SUNDAY 19

Pleasant & warm, but looked very much like showers. Went to meeting all day. Mr. Thayer preached. I took charge of the Library. Staid at home.

MONDAY 20

Had a heavy shower early in the morning, looked rather showery. The rest of the day was very warm. Got 2 loads of hay one with horse & 1 with oxan from the Wright farm. Father, Joseph & Mr. Pherson helped. Hoed some.



July TUESDAY 21 1857

July FRIDAY 24 1857

July TUESDAY 21 1857

Very showery all day & warm. The Engine broke in the Bald-hill and delayed the train about 2 hours. A gentleman came to Mr. Whipples, wore a yellow coat.

WEDNESDAY 22

Clowdy in the morn, cleared off, pleasant & warm. Father & I mowed thin grass back shop. Got 2 loads hay from the Wright farm. Went to Mr. H. Clarks. Gave Hattie B. a book. The Oxan run & on hung the wagon with a load of hay.

THURSDAY 23

Stormy all day. Read in the house some. Looked over Accts with Amos Woodward & c. Joseph is not very well.

July FRIDAY 24 1857

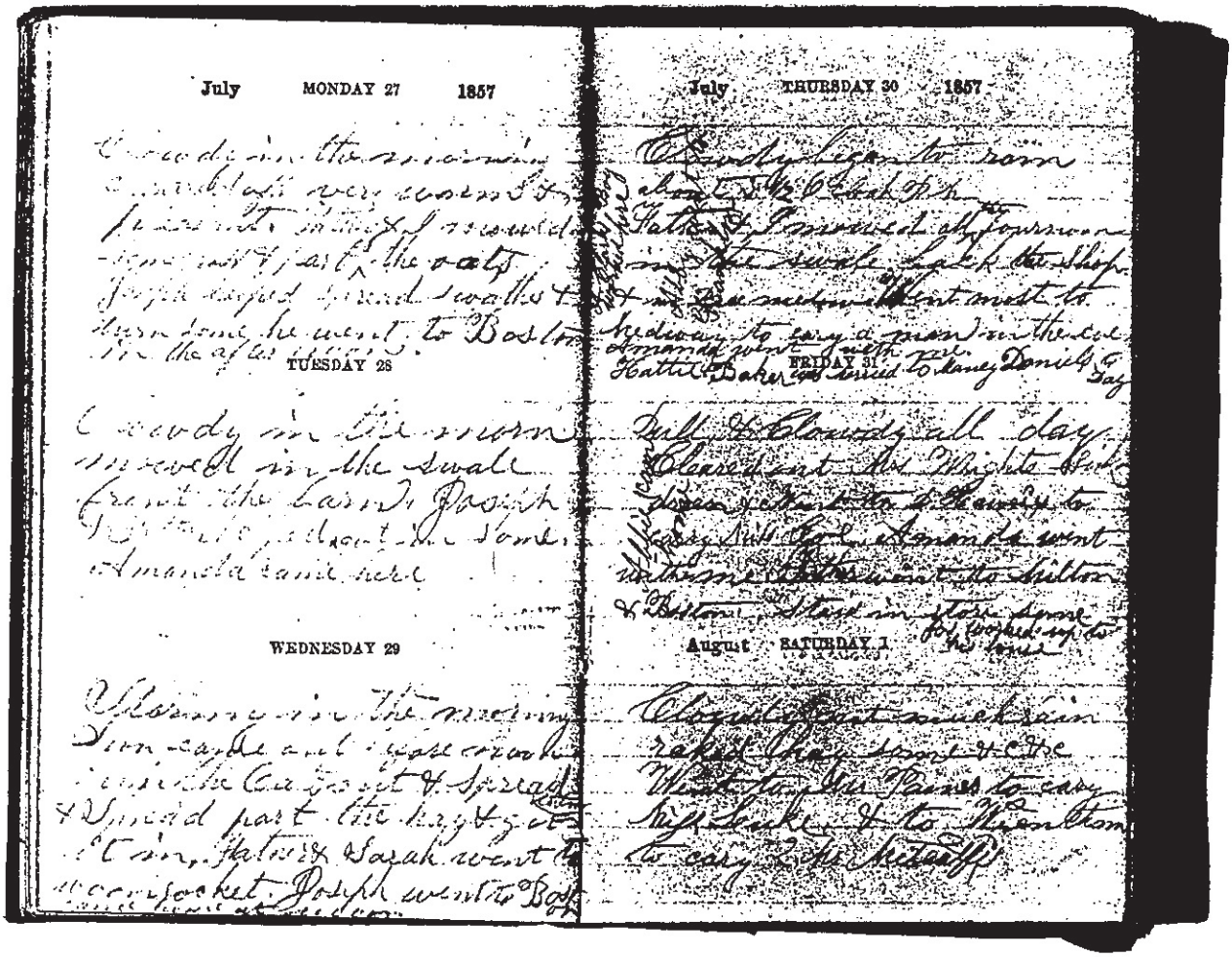
Clowdy, some rain & warm. Staid in the Store. Helped load a car. Went into the water at Metcalfs with d. Whiting. Joseph sick, came out some.

SATURDAY 25

Not very pleasant, warm. On loaded a load of hay for Jos. Sowed turnip seed on the Wright farm. Picked peas & c & c. Joseph is rather better. Alvah came here. Abbie & Sarah went to Mr. Wales'es.

SUNDAY 26

Very warm & pleasant. Looked some like showers. Went to meeting all day. Mr. Sanford preached.



July MONDAY 27 1857

July THURSDAY 30 1857

July MONDAY 27 1857

Clowdy in the morning. cleared off, very warm & pleasant. Father & I mowed some grass & part of the oats. Joseph helped spread swathes & turn some. He went to Boston in the afternoon.

July THURSDAY 30 1857

Clowdy began to rain bout 3 ½ o'clock P.M. Father & I mowed all the fournoon in the swale back the Shop and in the race medow. Went most to Medway to cary a man in the eve. Amanda went with me. Hattie Baker was married to Mancy Daniels today.

*A Clarkes Boy worked here. Abby went to Franklin.

TUESDAY 28

Clowdy in the morn. Mowed in the swale front the barn. Joseph & Father helped. Got in some. Amanda came here.

FRIDAY 31

Dull & Clowdy all day. Cleared out Mrs. Wrights sink dreen** & c. Went to D. Hawes'es to carry Miss Col. Amanda went with me. Father went to Milton & Boston. Staid in the store some. Jos worked up to his house. *Abbie came home.

WEDNESDAY 29

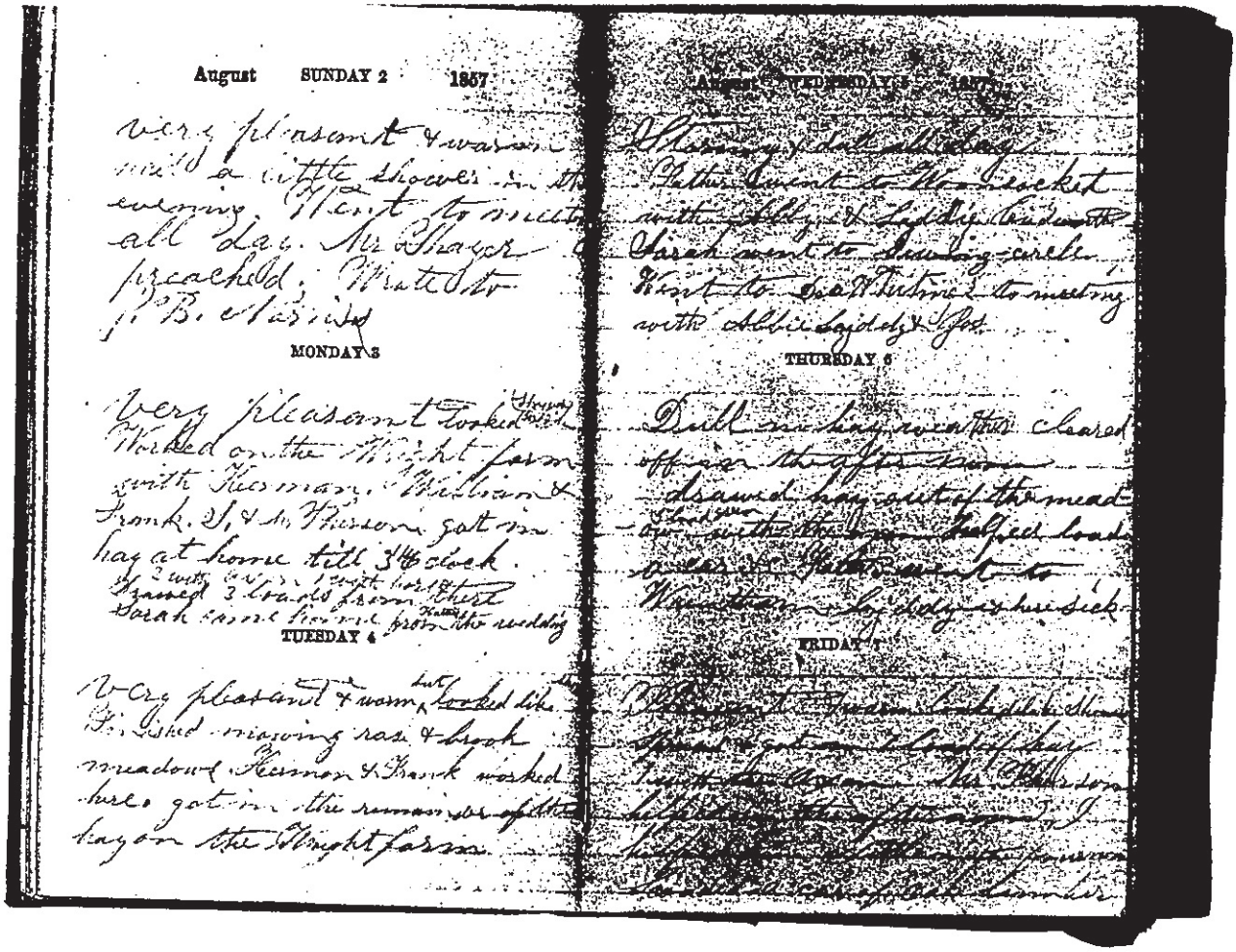
Stormy in the morning. Sun came out before noon. Run the oats out & spread them & spread part of the hay & got it in. Father & Sarah went to Woonsocket. Joseph went to Boston. Came home at noon.

August SATURDAY 1 1857

Clowdy not much rain raked hay some & c & c. Went to Mr. Paines to cary Miss Lenke & to Wrentham to cary 2 Mr. Metcalf's.

*Written on Side

**dreen (drain)



August SUNDAY 2 1857

August WEDNESDAY 5 1857

August SUNDAY 2 1857

Very pleasant & warm. Haid a little shower in the evening. Went to meeting all day. Mr. Thayer preached. Wrote to J.B. Norriss.

MONDAY 3

Very pleasant looked like showers. Worked on the Wright farm with Herman. William & Frank S. & Mr. Pherson got in hay at home till 3 ¼ o'clock. Drawed 3 loads from there 2 with Oxan 1 with horse. Sarah came home from the (Hatties) wedding.

TUESDAY 4

Very pleasant & warm but looked like showers. Finished mowing race & brook meadows. Herman & Frank worked here. Got in the remainder of the hay on the Wright farm.

August WEDNESDAY 5 1857

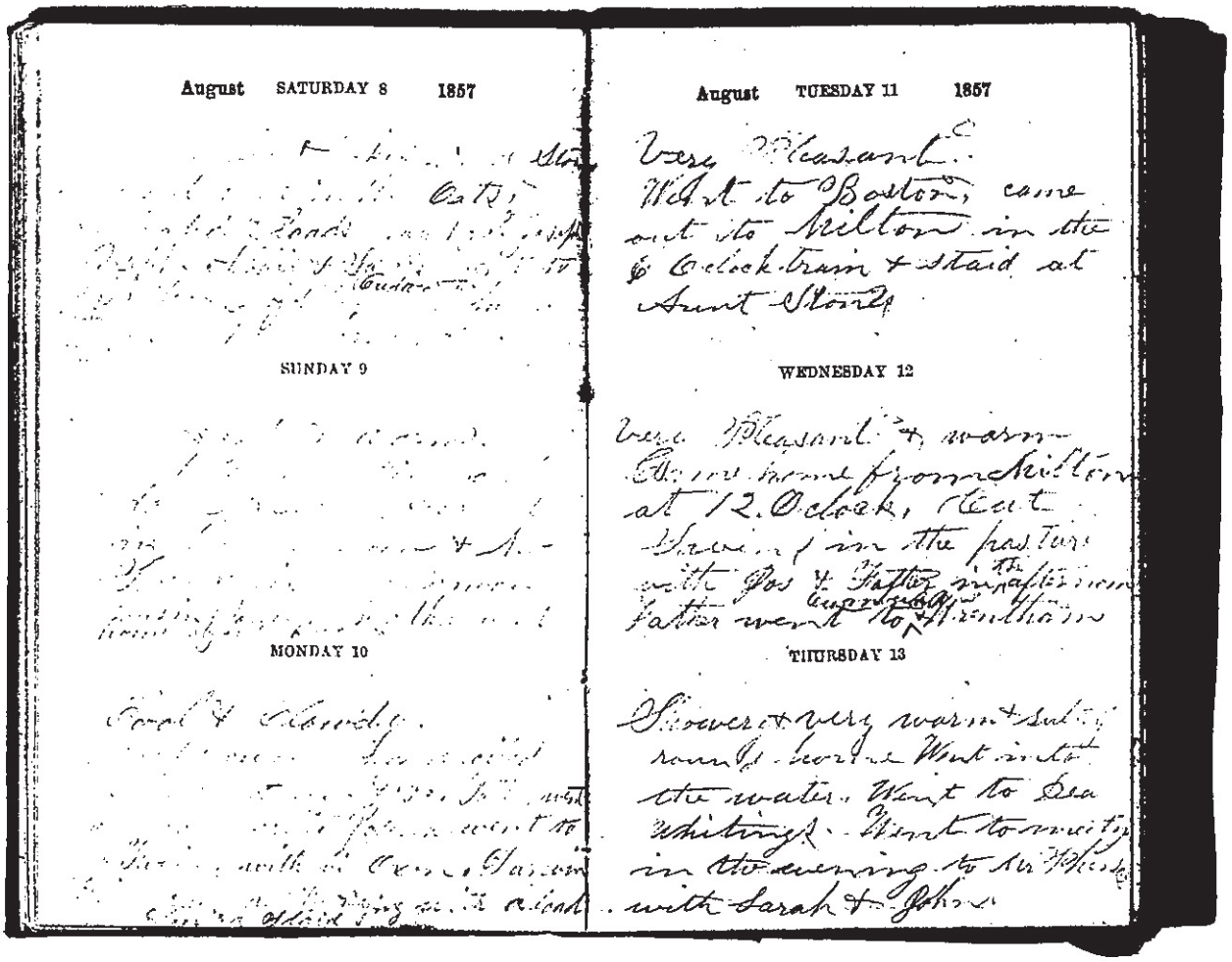
Stormy & dull all day. Father went to Woonsocket with Abby & Lyddy Cudworth. Sarah went to Sewing-circle. Went to Dea Whitings to meeting with Abbie, Lyddy & Jos.

THURSDAY 6

Dull, no hay weather, cleared off in the afternoon. Drawed hay out of the meadow (5 load green) with the oxan. Helped load a car & c. Father went to Wrentham. Lyddy is here sick.

FRIDAY 7

Pleasant & warm, looked like showers. Spread & got in 7 load of hay 1 with the oxan. Mr. Pherson helped in the afternoon. I helped him a little in the fournoon. Loaded a car of oak lumber.



August SATURDAY 8 1857

August TUESDAY 11 1857

August SATURDAY 8 1857

Pleasant but looked like a storm. Mowed & got in the oats. On loaded 2 load of hay, 1 for Joseph. Joseph, Abbie & Sarah went to Boston. Lyddy Cudworth went home. Cousin John & Martha came here.

SUNDAY 9

Pleasant & warm. Went to meeting all day. Mr. Thayer preached in the fournoon & Mr. Spence in the afternoon. Cousin John & Martha went home about 6 o'clock.

MONDAY 10

Cool & Clowdy. Worked around home. Oiled the thorough- braces & c & c. Father went to Woonsocket. Joseph went to Mr. Thaines with his oxen. Darwin Briggs came a Burrying with a load. Elmira Staid.

August TUESDAY 11 1857

Very Pleasant. Went to Boston, came out to Milton in the 6 o'clock train & staid at Aunt Stones.

WEDNESDAY 12

Very Pleasant & warm. Came home form Milton at 12 o'clock. Cut Savins* in the pasture with Jos & Father in the afternoon. Father went to Cumberland & Wrentham.

THURSDAY 13

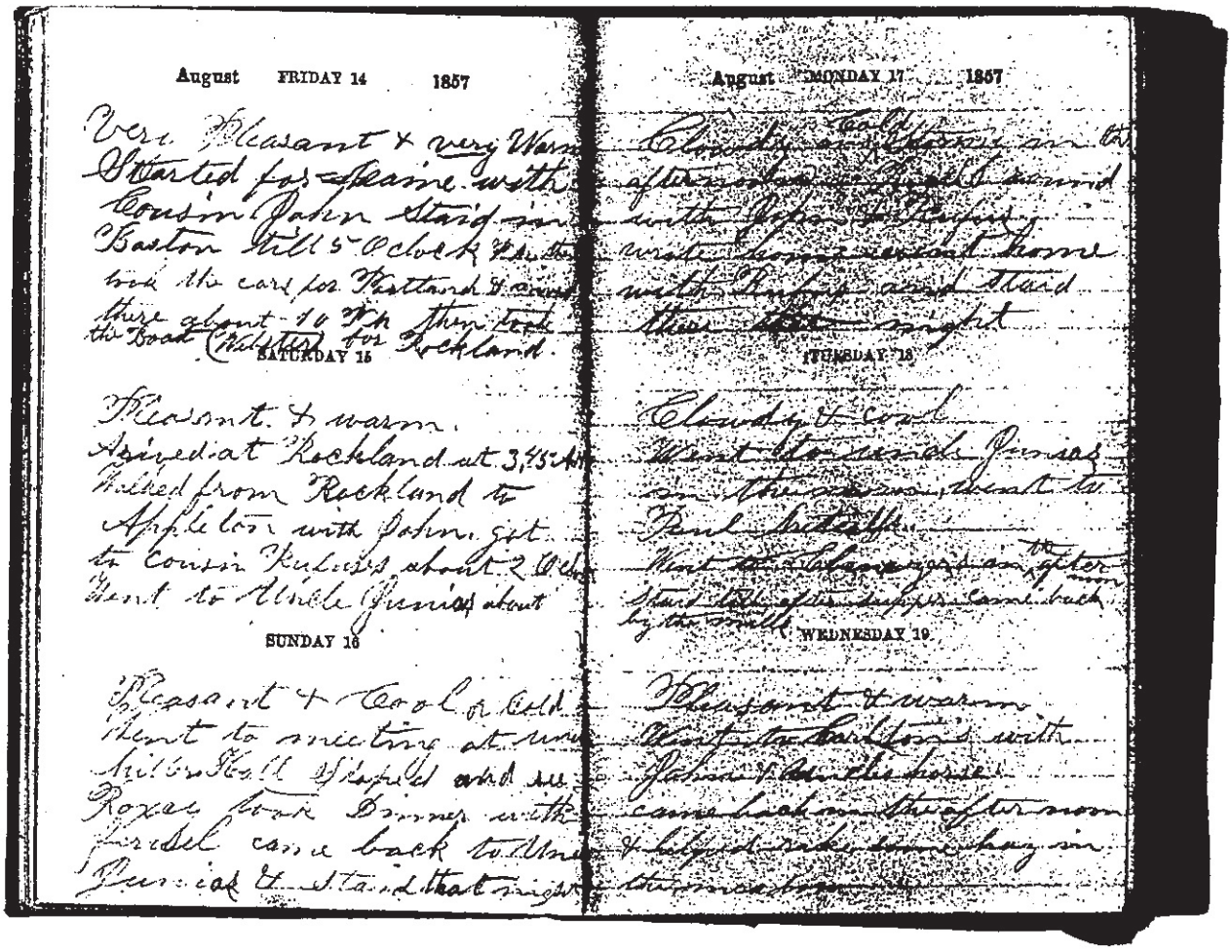
Showery & very warm & sultry round home. Went into the water. Went to Dea Whitings. Went to meeting in the evening to Mr Phersons with Sarah & John.

Savins - savin or savine - A shrub of Europe, Asia and North American, the juniper bush, the leaves of with yield an oil valuable in the treatment of rheumatism. Websters New American Dictionary

The Metcalf family lived in Appleton Maine.

George's mother Olive Wadsworth was a Metcalf.

George will marry Emeline Metcalf in 1861 from this Appleton, Maine family.



August FRIDAY 14 1857

August MONDAY 17 1857

August FRIDAY 14 1857

Very pleasant & very Warm. Started for Maine with Cousin John. Staid in Boston till 5 o'clock P.M. Then took the cars for Portland & arrived there about 10 P.M. Then took the Boat (Webster) for Rockland.

SATURDAY 15

Pleasant & warm. Arrived at Rockland at 3:45 A.M. Walked from Rockland to Appleton with John. Got to Cousin Rufuses about 2 o'clock. Went to Uncle Junias about

SUNDAY 16

Pleasant & Cool or Cold. Went to meeting at Uncle Millers Hall. Stoped and see Roxcy. Took Dinner with Jerwell. Came back to Uncle Junias & staid that night.

August MONDAY 17 1857

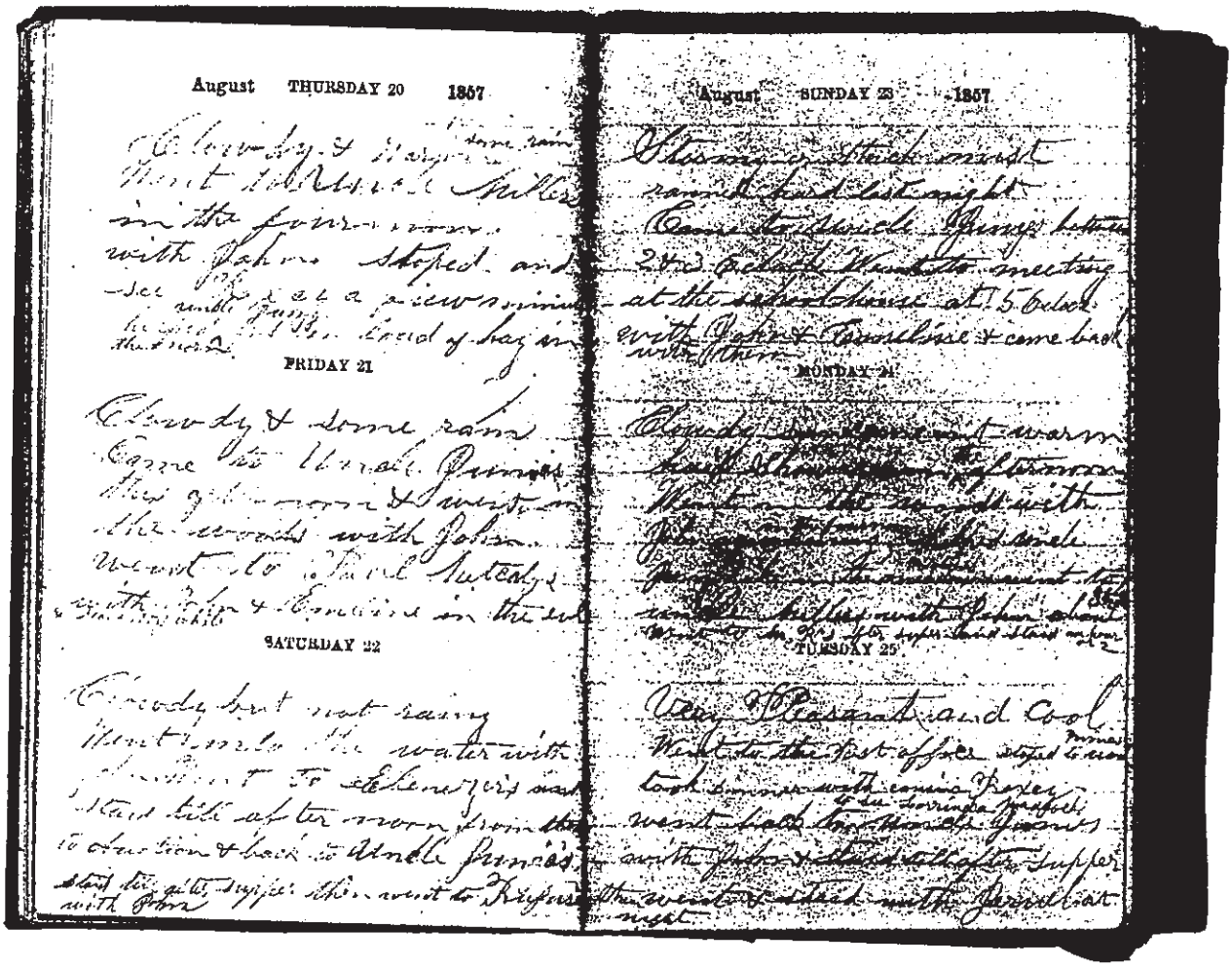
Clowdy and cold. Stormy in the afternoon. Road round with John & Rufus. Wrote home. Went home with Rufus and staid there that night.

TUESDAY 18

Clowdy & cool. Went to Uncle Junias in the morn. Went to Paul Metcalfs. Went to Ebenezer's in the afternoon. Staid till after supper. Came back by the mills.

WEDNESDAY 19

Pleasant & warm. Went to Carlton's with John & Uncle's horse. Came back in the afternoon & helped rake some hay in the meadow.



August THURSDAY 20 1857

FRIDAY 21

SATURDAY 22

August SUNDAY 23 1857

MONDAY 24

TUESDAY 25

August THURSDAY 20 1857

Clowdy & warm, some rain. Went to Uncle Millers in the fournoon with John. Stoped and see Roxcy a few minutes. Helped Uncle Junia get in a load of hay in the morn.

FRIDAY 21

Clowdy & some rain. Came to Uncle Junias this afternoon & I went in the woods with John. Went to Paul Metcalfs with John & Emeline* in the eve & staid little while.

SATURDAY 22

Clowdy but not rainy. Went into the water with John. Went to Ebenezer's and staid till afternoon. From there to Auction & back to Uncle Junias. Staid till after supper, then went to Rufuse's with John.

**This is the first mention of Emeline (Metcalf) Emeline and George Wadsworth will be married May 26, 1861.*

August SUNDAY 23 1857

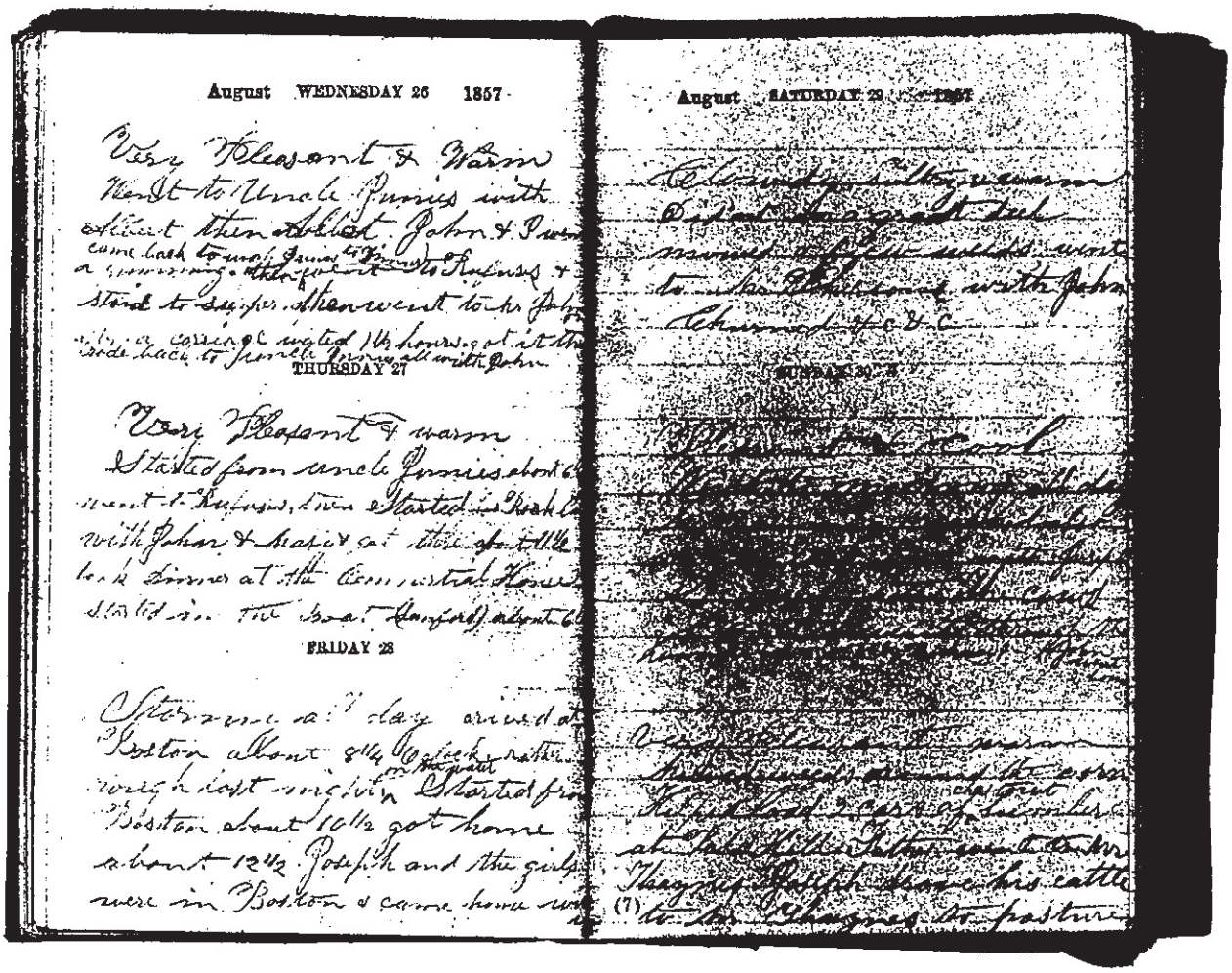
Stormy or thick mist. Rained hard last night. Came to Uncle Junys between 2 & 3 o'clock. Went to meeting at the school-house at 5 o'clock with John & Emeline & came back with them.

MONDAY 24

Clowdy, sun came out, warm. haid shower in the afternoon. Went in the woods with John a gunning in the fournoon, helped Uncle Juny rake in the meadow, 2 ½ hours. Went to Uncle Millers with John about 3 ½ o'clock. Went to Mr. R's after supper and staid and hour or 2.

TUESDAY 25

Very Pleasant and cool. Went to the Post office. Stoped to Uncle Junias. Took dinner with cousin Roxcy. Went back (to see Lorrinda Maddock) to Uncle Junias with John & staid till after supper, then went & staid with Jervel at night.



August WEDNESDAY 26 1857

Very Pleasant & Warm

THURSDAY 27

Very Pleasant & warm

FRIDAY 28

August SATURDAY 29 1857

August WEDNESDAY 26 1857

Very Pleasant & warm. Went to Uncle Junies with Albert. Then Albert, John & I went a gunning. Came back to Uncle Junies for Dinner. Then went to Rufues & staid to supper, Then went to Mr. Johnsons after a carriage. Waited 1 ½ hours. Got it then rode back to Uncle Junies, all with John.

THURSDAY 27

Very Pleasant & warm. Started from Uncle Junies about 6 ¼ . Went to Rufuses, then started for Rockland with John & Mary & got there about 11 ½ . Took Dinner at the Commertial House. Started in the Boat (Sanford) about 6 ½ .

FRIDAY 28

Stormy all day. Arrived at Boston about 8 ¼ o'clock. Rather rough last night on the water. Started from Boston about 10 ½ . Got home about 12 ½ . Joseph and the girls were in Boston & with us.

August SATURDAY 29 1857

Clowdy sultry & warm. Didn't do a great deel. Mowed a few weeds. Went to Mr. Pherson with John. Churned* & c & c.

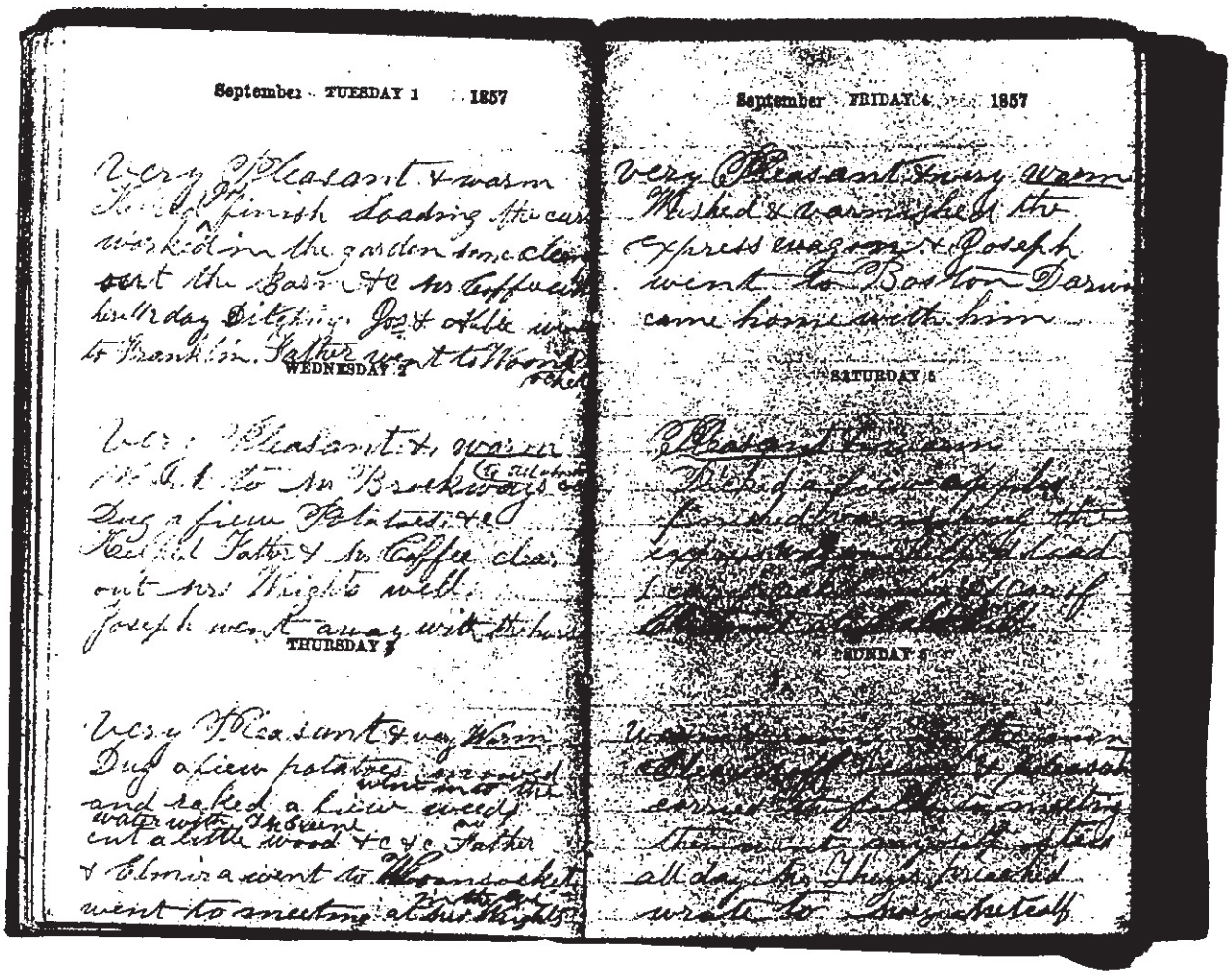
SUNDAY 30

Pleasant & cool. Went to meeting all day. Mr. Demmon preached, also at 5 o'clock. Went with Joseph, Abby & Sarah & Mother. The cows got out & went through the woods by Mr. Brockways. John went home.

MONDAY 31

Very pleasant, warm. Mowed weeds around the corn. Helped load 2 cars of chestnut lumber at Bald Hill. Father went to Mr. Thaynes. Joseph drove his cattle to Mr. Thaynes to pasture.

**Churned - Churn: To Work a churn to get Butter*
Websters New American Dictionary



September TUESDAY 1 1857

September FRIDAY 4 1857

September TUESDAY 1 1857

Very Pleasant & warm. Helped Jos finish loading the cars. Worked in the garden some. Cleaned out the Barn & c. Mr. Coffee worked here ½ day ditching. Jos & Abbie went to Franklin. Father went to Woonsocket.

WEDNESDAY 2

Very Pleasant & warm. Went to Mr. Brockways to tell about colt. Dug a fiew potatoes & c. Helped Father & Mr. Coffee clear out Mrs. Wrights well. Joseph went away with the horse.

THURSDAY 3

Very Pleasant & very warm. Dug a fiew potatoes. Mowed and raked a fiew weeds, cut a little wood & c & c. Went into the water with T. M. Green. Father & Elmira went to Woonsocket. Went to meeting at Mrs. Wrights this eve.

September FRIDAY 4 1857

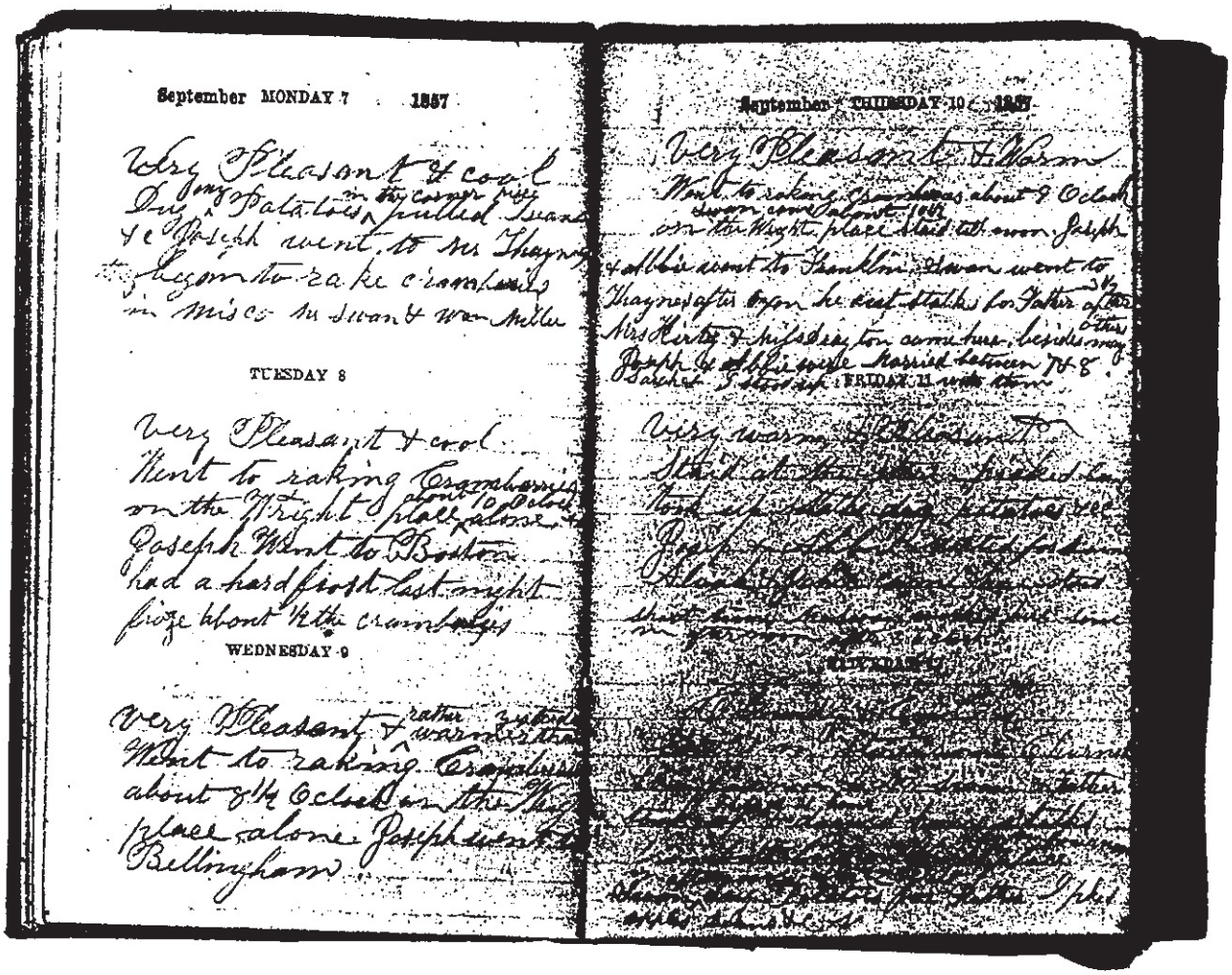
Very Pleasant & very warm. Washed & varnished the express wagon & c. Joseph went to Boston. Darwin came home with him.

SATURDAY 5

Pleasant & warm. Picked a fiew apples. Finished varnishing the express wagon. Helped load 1 car of oak lumber & 1 car of Chestnut at Bald Hill.

SUNDAY 6

Warm & rainy in the morn. Cleared off, cool & pleasant. Carried the folks to meeting, then went myself. Staid all day. Mr. Thayer preached. Wrote to Mary Metcalf.



September MONDAY 7 1857

Very Pleasant & cool
Dug my Potatoes in the corner piece
& pulled beans
& Joseph went to Mr Thaynes
They began to rake cranberries
in Misco Mr Swan & Wm Miller

TUESDAY 8

Very Pleasant & cool
Went to raking Cranberries
on the Wright place alone
Joseph Went to Boston
had a hard frost last night
froze about ½ the cranberries

WEDNESDAY 9

Very Pleasant & rather warmer than
Went to raking Cranberries
about 8½ O'clock on the Wright
place alone Joseph went to
Bellingham

September THURSDAY 10 1857

Very Pleasant & Warm
Went to raking Cranberries about 9 O'clock
Swan came about 10½
on the Wright place Staid till noon Joseph
& Abbie went to Franklin Swan went to
Thaynes after oxen He cut stalks for Father 3½
Mrs Kirty & Miss Drayton came here, besides many other
Joseph & Abbie were married between 7 & 8
Sarah & I stood up with them

FRIDAY 11

Very warm & Pleasant
Staid at the store Picked beens
Took up stalks dug potatoes &c
Joseph & Abbie started for Maine
Alvah & John came here
Staid short time Mr Swan worked here some in
the afternoon after 3 o'clock

SATURDAY 12

Clowdy & Cool Staid in the store some Churned &
c. in fournoon & Mr Swan & Father took up (I
helped 1 hour) & drawed home stalks from both lots
on Wright place Swan in afternoon after 2 o'clock
dug potatoes for Father I picked apples Beans & c.

September MONDAY 7 1857

Very Pleasant & cool. Dug my potatoes in the corner piece pulled beans & c. Joseph went to Mr. Thaynes. They began to rake cranberries in Misco. Mr. Swan & Wm. Miller.

TUESDAY 8

Very Pleasant and cool Went to raking Cranberries on the Wright place about 10 o'clock A.M. alone. Joseph went to Boston. Had a hard frost last night. Froze about ½ the cranberries.

WEDNESDAY 9

Very Pleasant & rather warmer than yesterday. Went to raking Cranberries about 8 ½ o'clock on the Wright place alone. Joseph went to Bellingham.

September THURSDAY 10 1857

Very Pleasant & Warm. Went to raking cranberries about 9 o'clock on the Wright place. Swan came about 10 ½ . Staid till noon. Joseph & Abbie went to Franklin. Swan went to Thaynes after oxan. He cut stalks for Father (3 ½) after Mrs. Kirty & Miss Drayton came here, besides many others . Joseph* & Abbie were married between 7 & 8. Sarah & I stood up with them.

FRIDAY 11

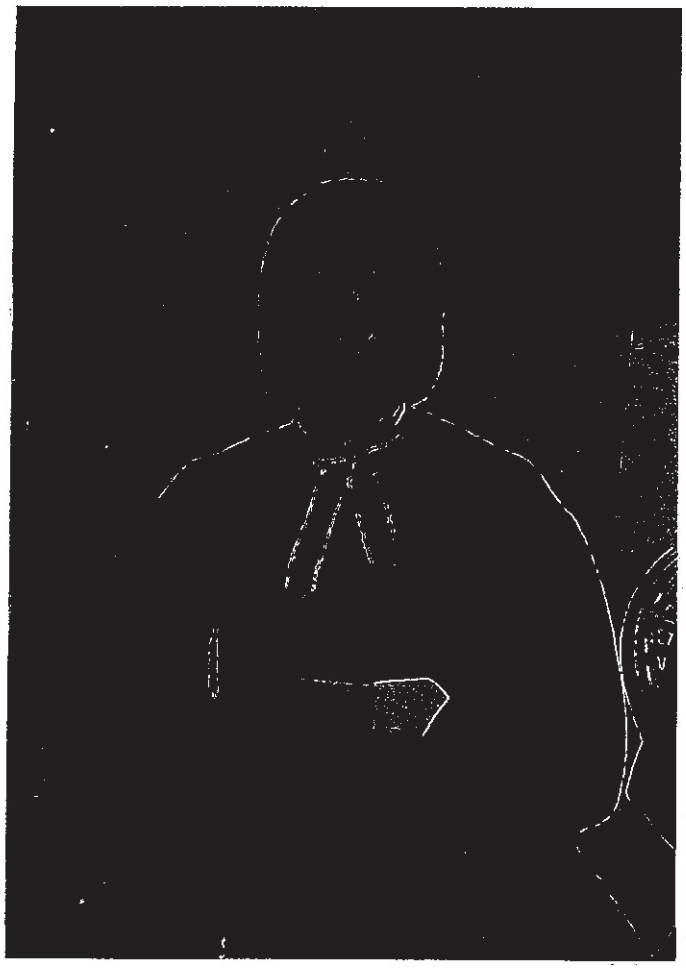
Very warm & Pleasant. Staid at the store. Picked beens. Took up stalks, dug potatoes & c. Joseph & Abbie started for Maine. Alvah & John came here. Staid short time. Mr. Swan worked here some in the afternoon after 3 o'clock.

SATURDAY 12

Clowdy & Cool. Staid in the store some. Churned & c. in fournoon & Mr. Swan & Father took up (I helped 1 hour) & drawed home stalks from both lots on Wright place. Swan in afternoon after 2 o'clock dug potatoes for Father. I picked apples, Beans & c.

**George's brother Joseph, 31 yrs old married Abbie Metcalf, 22 yrs old.*

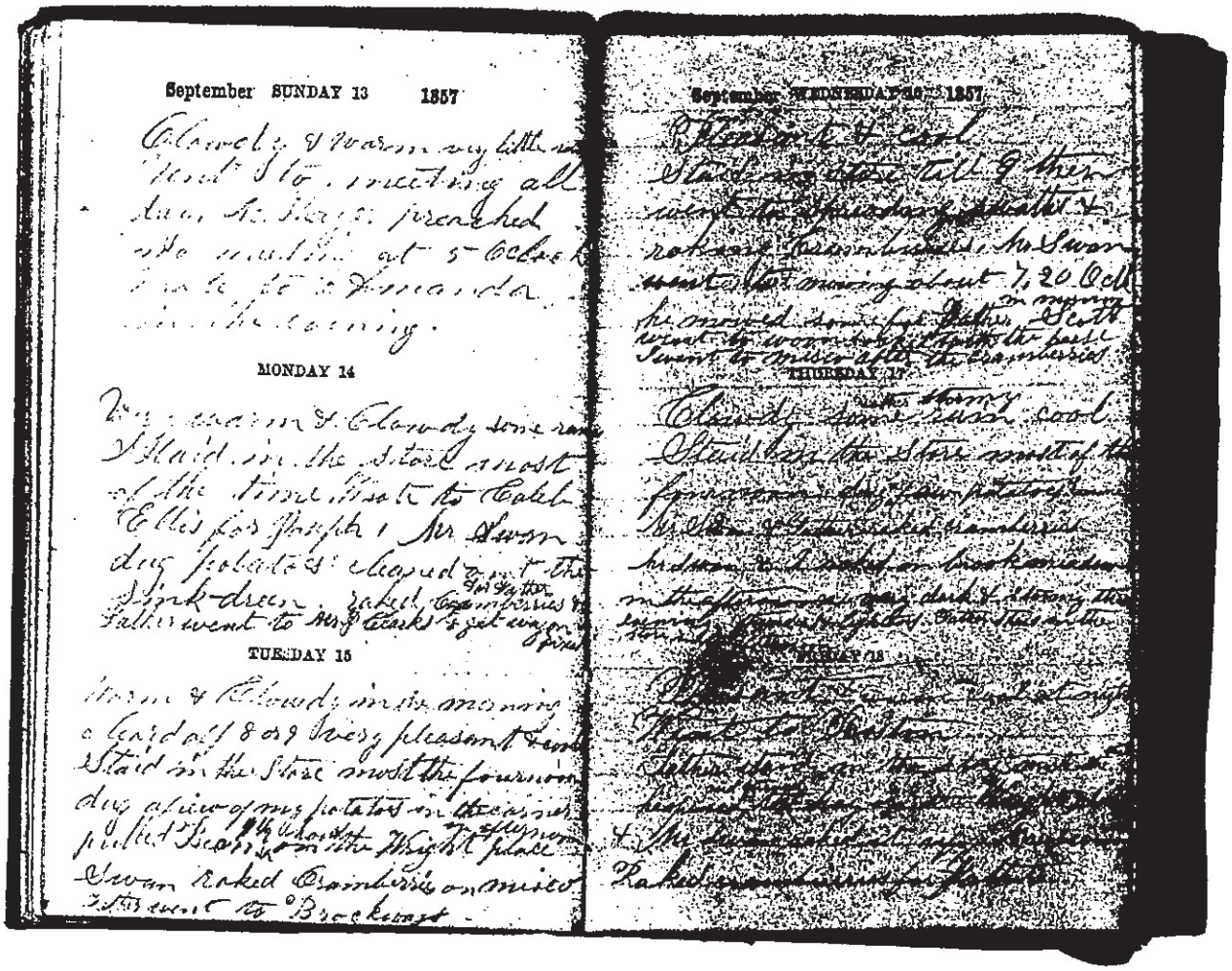
Photograph courtesy of Peggy (Young) Marguerite of Franklin
great, great granddaughter of Abbie Wadsworth



ABBIE L. (METCALF) WADSWORTH

Born February 19, 1835

Married to Joseph H. Wadsworth September 10, 1857



September SUNDAY 13 1857

September WEDNESDAY 16 1857

September SUNDAY 13 1857

Clowdy & warm, very little rain. Went to meeting all day. Mr. Thayer preached. No meeting at 5 o'clock. Wrote to Amanda in the evening.

MONDAY 14

Very warm & Clowdy, some rain. Staid in the store most of the time. Wrote to Caleb Ellis for Joseph. Mr. Swan dug potaatoes. Cleaned out the sink-dreen. For Father. Raked Cranberries & c. Father went to Mr. J. Clarks to get wagon fixed.

TUESDAY 15

Warm & Clowdy in the morning. Cleard off 8 or 9. Very pleasant & cool. Staid in the Store most the fournoon. Dug a fiew of my potatoes in the corner. Pulled Beans 1 ½ hour on the Wright place in afternoon. Swan raked Cranberries on misco. Father went to Brockways.

September WEDNESDAY 16 1857

Pleasant & cool. Staid in Store till 9, then went to spreading swaths & raking Cranberries. Mr. Swan went to mowing about 7.20 o'clk in morning. He mowed some for Father. Scott went to Woonsocket with the horse. I went to misco after the cranberries.

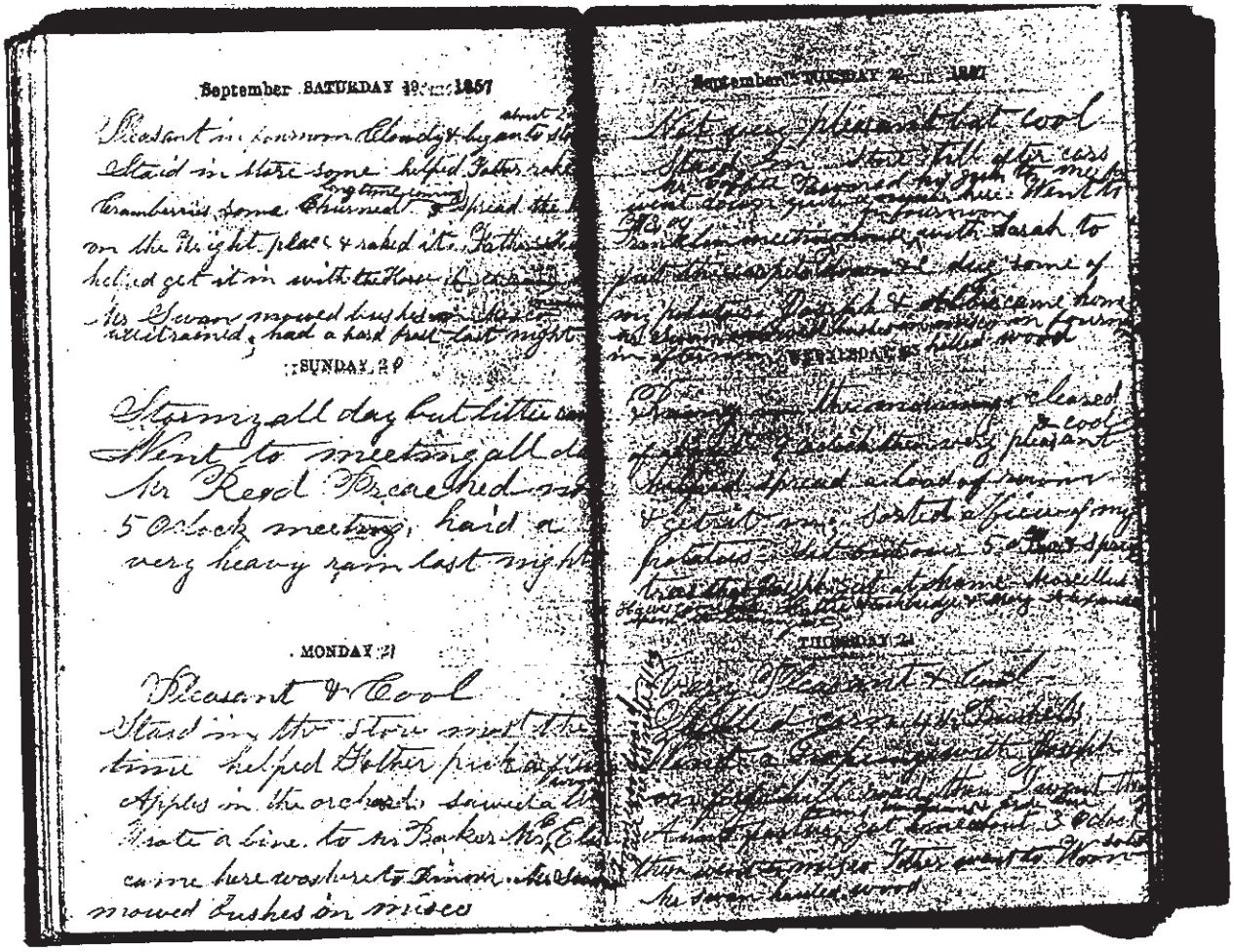
THURSDAY 17

rather stormy

Clowdy, some rain, cool. Staid in the store most of the fournoon. Dug a few potatoes of mine. Mr. Swan & Father raked cranberries. Mr. Swan & I raked in brook meadow in the afternoon. Very dark & stormy this evening. Thunder & lightning. Father staid in the store in the afternoon.

FRIDAY 18

Pleasant & warm, very cool at night. Went to Boston. Father staid in the store most of the day. He opened and turned the hay on the Wright place & Mr. Swan raked it up. Mr. Swan raked cranberries for Father.



September SATURDAY 19 1857

Pleasant in fournoon. Clowdy & began to storm about 2 or 3. Staid in store some. Helped Father rake Cranberries some. Churned long time coming. Spread the hay on the Wright place & raked it. Father & H. Newell helped get it in with the horse (in the rain). Mr. Swan mowed bushes on Misco meadow till it rained. Had a hard frost last night.

SUNDAY 20

Stormed all day but little rain. Went to meeting all day. Mr. Reed Preached. No 5 o'clock meeting Haid a very heavy rain last night.

MONDAY 21

Pleasant & Cool. Staid in the store most the time. Helped Father pick a fiew apples in the orchard. Sawed a little wood. Wrote a line to Mr. Baker. Mr. C. Elis came here. Was here to Dinner. Mr. Swan mowed bushes on misco.

September TUESDAY 22 1857

Not very pleasant but cool. Staid in Store till after cars went down. Mr. Coffee pawned his gun to me for $3.00. Quite a number here. Went to Franklin meeting house in fournoon with Sarah to put the carpets down & c. Dug some of my potatoes. Joseph & Abbie came home. Mr. Swan mowed bushes in misco in fournoon, in afternoon halled wood.

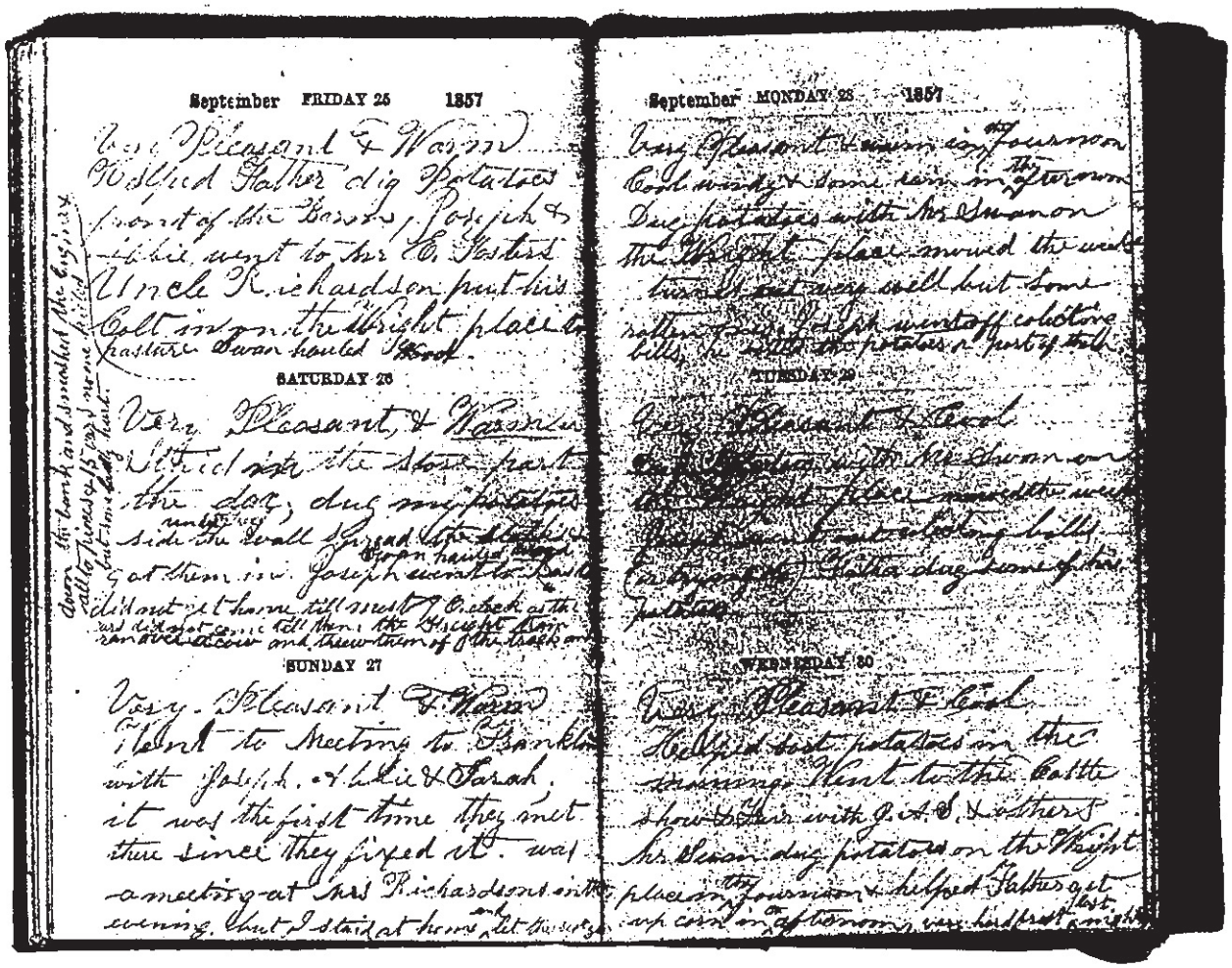
WEDNESDAY 23

Rainy in the morning & cleared of(f) about 9 o'clock, then very pleasant and cool. Helped spread a load of rowin* & get it in. Sorted a fiew of my potatoes. Set out over 50 Fur & Spruce trees that Joseph got at Maine. Marcellis Hawes came here. Hattie Stockridge & Mary Alexander spent the evening here.

THURSDAY 24

Very Pleasant & Cool. Shelled corn, 4 ½ Bushels. Went a Graping with Joseph on forge hill road, then I went through Aunts pasture found Wm. Adams and Drake there. Got home about 3 o'clock. Then went to misco. Father went to Woonsocket. Mr. Swan hauled wood. On side: Amos Woodward gave me this note of 100

Rowin: Spelled Rowen: The second crop of the season Websters New American Dictionary



September FRIDAY 25 1857

Very Pleasant & Warm
Helped Father dig Potatoes
front of the Barn, Joseph &
Abbie went to Mr E. Fosters
Uncle Richardson put his
Colt in on the Wright place to
pasture Swan hauled Wood.

SATURDAY 26

Very Pleasant, & Warmer
Staid in the store part
the day, dug my potatoes
side the wall under the trees
got them in. Swan hauled wood
Joseph went to Boston
didnt get home till most 9 O'clock as the
cars did not come till them. The Freight train
ran over a cow and threw them of the track and

SUNDAY 27

Very Pleasant & Warm
Went to Meeting to Franklin
with Joseph, Abbie & Sarah.
it was the first time they met
there since they fixed it. was
a meeting at Mrs Richardsons in the
evening. but I staid at home, let the rest go.

September MONDAY 28 1857

Very Pleasant & warm in fournoon
Cool windy & some rain in the afternoon
Dug potatoes with Mr Swanson
the Wright place mowed the weeds
turned out very well but some
rotten ones. Joseph went off colecting
bills, he sorted the potatoes or part of them.

TUESDAY 29

Very Pleasant & Cool
Dug Potatoes with Mr Swanson on
the Wright place mowed the weeds
Joseph went out colecting bills
(or trying to.) Father dug some of the
potatoes

WEDNESDAY 30

Very Pleasant & Cool
Helped sort potatoes in the
morning. Went to the Cattle
Show & Fair with J.A.S. & others
Mr Swan dug potatoes on the Wright
place in the fournoon & helped Father get
up corn in the afternoon. very hard frost last night.

September FRIDAY 25 1857

Very Pleasant & Warm. Helped Father dig Potatoes front of Barn. Joseph & Abbie went to Mr. E Fosters. Uncle Richardson put his colt on the Wright place to pasture. Swan hauled Wood.

SATURDAY 26

Very Pleasant & Warmer. Staid in the store part of the day. Dug my potatoes side the wall under the trees. Spread the stalks & got them in. Swan hauled wood. Joseph went to Boston. did not get home till most 9 o'clock as the cars did not come till them. The Freight train ran over a cow the threw them of(f) the track and

On side: down the bank and smashed the Engine all to pieces & 15 cars, none killed but some badly hurt.

SUNDAY 27

Very Pleasant & Warm. Went to meeting to Franklin with Joseph, Abbie & Sarah. It was the first time they met there since they fixed it. Was a meeting at Mrs. Richardsons in the evening but, I staid at home and let the rest go.

September MONDAY 28 1857

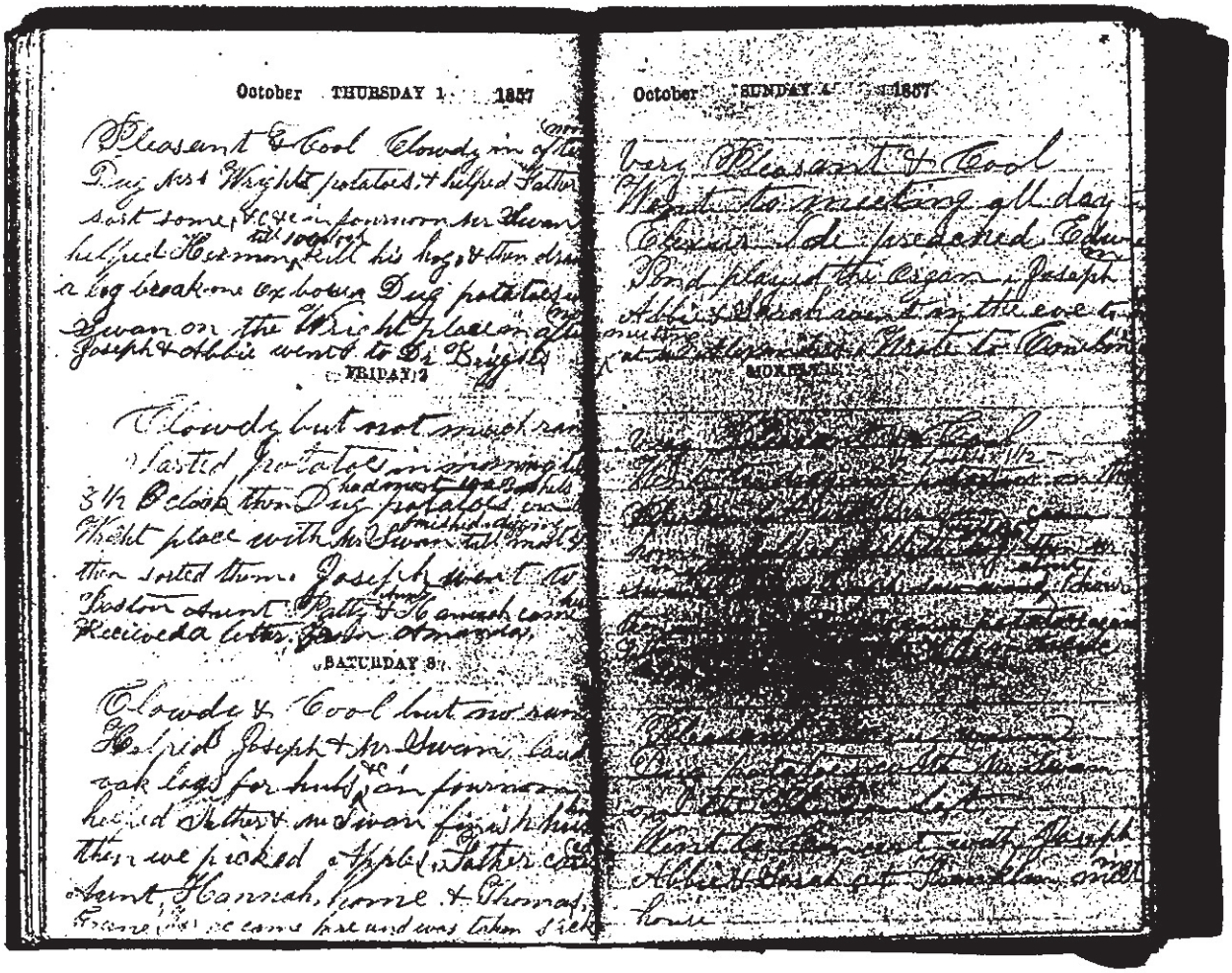
Very Pleasant & warm in fournoon. Cool windy & some rain in the afternoon. Dug potatoes with Mr. Swan on Wright place. Mowed the weeds. Turned out very well but some rotten ones. Joseph went off colecting bills. He sorted the potatoes or part of them.

TUESDAY 29

Very Pleasant & Cool. Dug potatoes with Mr. Swan on the Wright place. Mowed the weeds. Joseph went out colecting bills (or trying to.) Father dug some of this potatoes.

WEDNESDAY 30

Very Pleasant & Cool. Helped sort potatoes in the morning. Went to the Cattle Show & Fair with J.A.S. & others. Mr. Swan dug potatoes on the Wright place in the fournoon & helped Father get up corn in the afternoon. Very hard frost last night.



October THURSDAY 1 1857

October SUNDAY 4 1857

October THURSDAY 1 1857

Pleasant & Cool. Clowdy in afternoon. Dug Mrs. Wrights potatoes & helped Father sort some & c & c. In the fournoon, Mr. Swan helped Herman kill his hog & then drawed. A log broak one ox bow. Dug potatoes with Swan on the Wright place in afternoon. Joseph & Abbie went to Dr. Brigg'es.

FRIDAY 2

Clowdy but not much rain. Sorted potatoes in morning till 8 ½ o'clock then dug potatoes (had most 100 bushels) on the Wright place with Mr. Swan till most 4, (finished digging) then sorted them. Joseph went to Boston. Aunt Patty & Aunt Hannah came here. Received a letter from Amanda.

SATURDAY 3

Clowdy & Cool but no rain. Helped Joseph & Mr. Swan load oak logs for hubs & c in fournoon. Helped Father & Mr. Swan finish husking, then we picked Apples. Father carried Aunt Hannah home & Thomas Greene for he came here and was taken sick.

October SUNDAY 4 1857

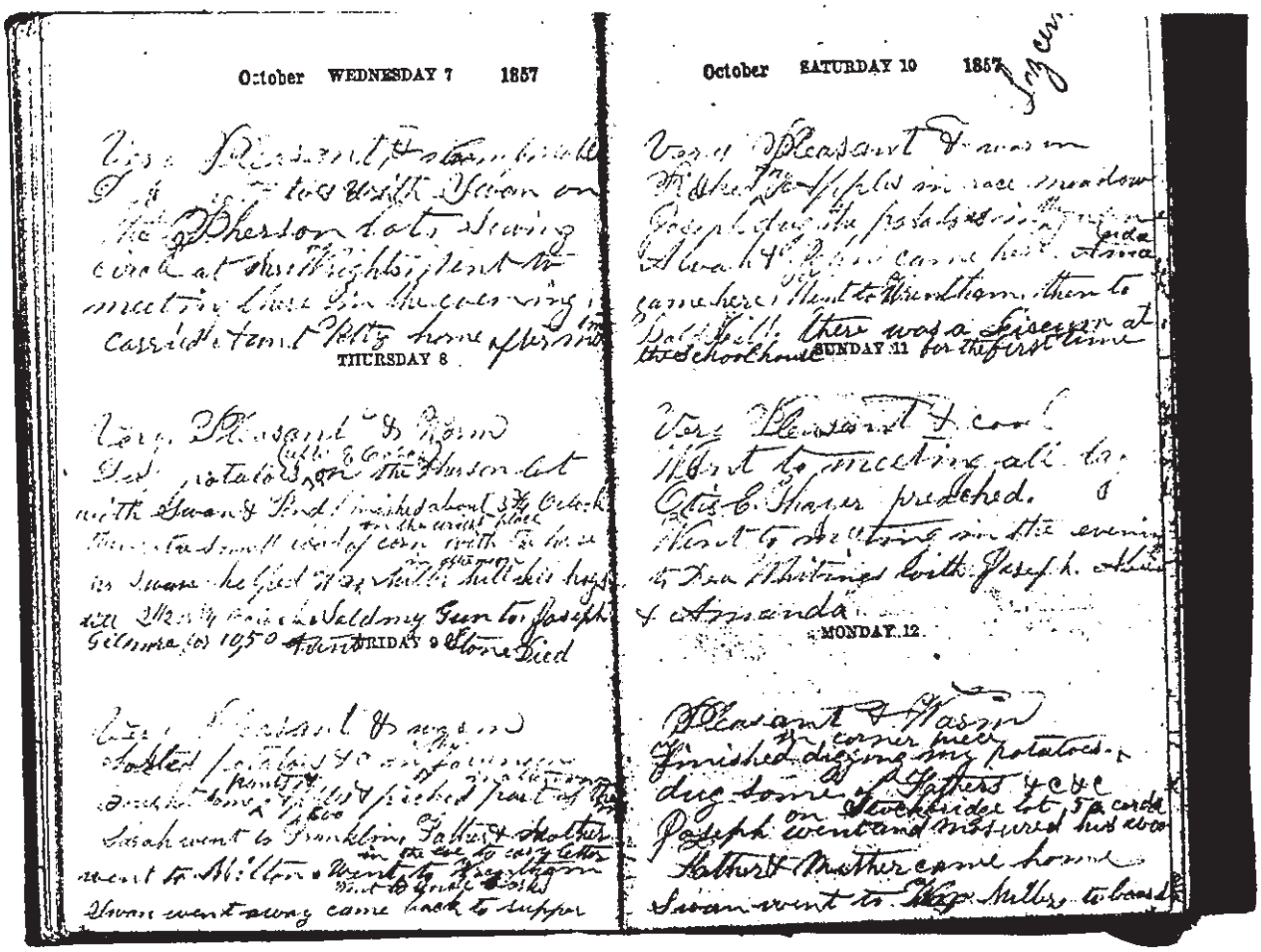
Very Pleasant & Cool. Went to meeting all day. Elexus Ide preached. Edwin Pond played the organ. Joseph, Abbie & Sarah went in the eve to meeting at Mr. Alexanders. Wrote to Emeline.

MONDAY 5

Very Pleasant & Cool. Went to digging potatoes (2 ½ bushels 1 ½) on the Pherson lot with Mr. Swan. Came home & helped kill the hog (weighed 359). Then Mr. Swan & I helped Joseph saw wood about 1 hour. Then we went to digging potatoes again. Father carried the hog to the Falls in the eve. Coffee got his gun.

TUESDAY 6

Pleasant not very warm. Dug potatoes with Mr. Swan on the Pherson lot. Went to concert with Joseph, Abbie & Sarah at Franklin meeting house.



October WEDNESDAY 7 1857

October SATURDAY 10 1857

October WEDNESDAY 7 1857

Very Pleasant & Comfortable. Dug potatoes with Swan on the Pherson lot. Sewing circle at Mrs. Wrights. Went to meeting there in the evening. Carried Aunt Patty home after meeting.

THURSDAY 8

Very pleasant & warm. Dug potatoes after 8 o'clock on the Pherson lot with Swan & Pond. Finished about 3 ¾ o'clock then got a small load of corn on the Wright place with the horse. Mr. Swan helped Wm Miller kill his hogs in the afternoon till 2 ½ or ¾ o'clock. Sold my Gun to Joseph Gilmore for 10.50. Aunt Stone Died.

FRIDAY 9

Very Pleasant & warm. Sorted potatoes & c in the fournoon. Bought some pants & apples in the afternoon & picked part of them. (6.00) Sarah went to Franklin. Father and Mother went to Milton. Went in the eve to carry letter to Wrentham. Swan went away, went to Uncle Clarks, came back to supper.

October SATURDAY 10 1857

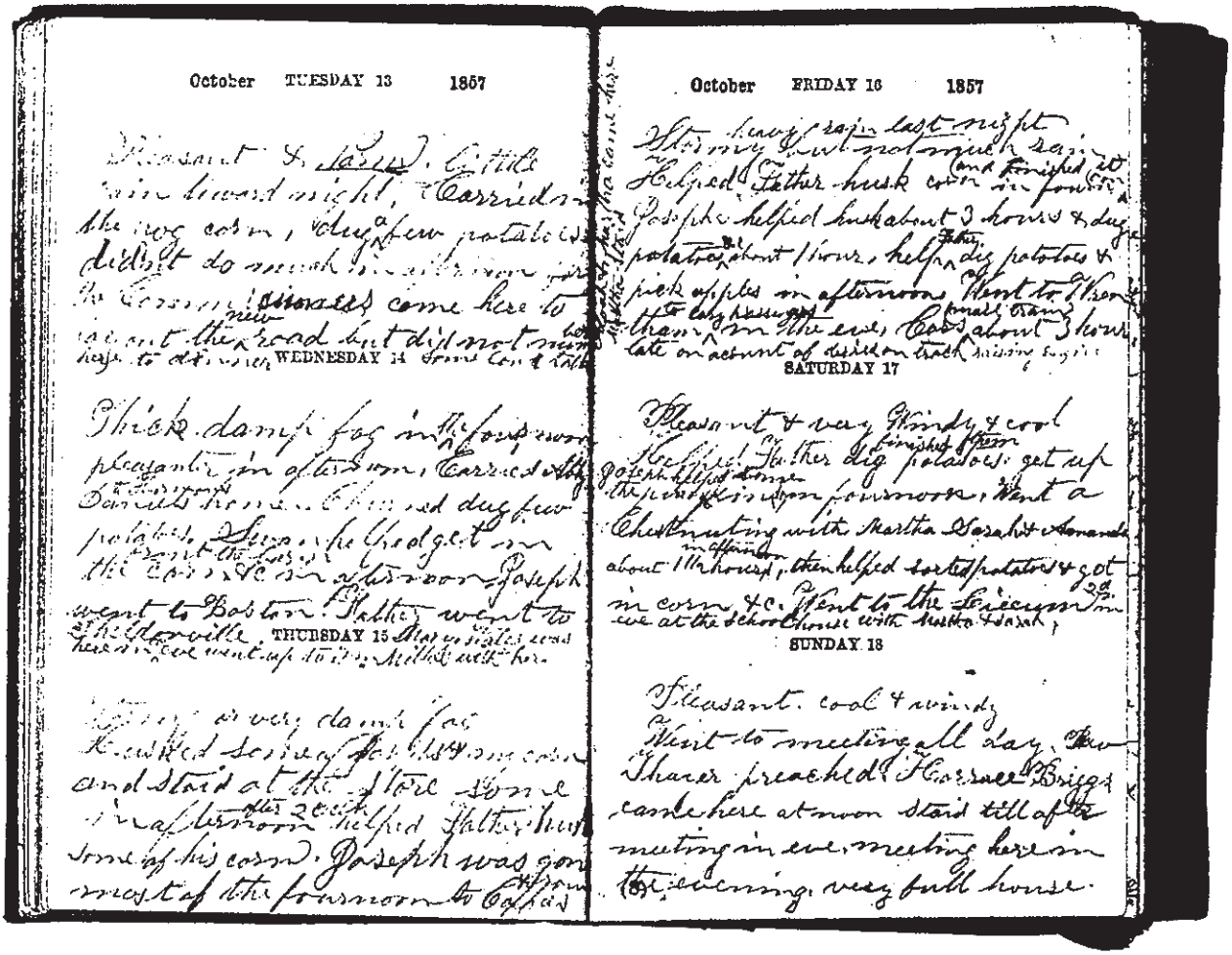
Very Pleasant & warm. Picked my Apples in race meadow. Joseph dug the potatoes in the garden. Alvah & John came here. Amanda came here. Went to Wrentham, then to Bald Hill. There was a Lyceum at the School-house for the first time.

SUNDAY 11

Very Pleasant & cool. Went to meeting all day. Otis E. Thayer preached. Went to meeting in the evening to Dea Whitings with Joseph, Abbie & Amanda.

MONDAY 12

Pleasant & Warm. Finished digging my potatoes (in the corner piece). Dug some of Fathers & c & c. Joseph went and masured his wood (Stockbridges lot 50 cords). Father & Mother came home. Swan went to Wm Millers to board.



October TUESDAY 13 1857

October FRIDAY 16 1857

October TUESDAY 13 1857

Pleasant & warm, little rain toward night. carried in the hog corn. Dug a few potatoes. Didn't do much in afternoon for the Commissioners came here to lay out the new road but did not. Number here to dinner. Some land talk.

WEDNESDAY 14

Thick, damp fog in the fournoon. Pleasant in afternoon. Carried Abbie to Hermon Daniels home. Churned, dug a few potatoes. Swan helped get in the corn front of the barn & c in afternoon. Joseph went to Boston. Father went to Sheldonville. Mary Wales was here in eve, went up to Wm Millers with her.

THURSDAY 15

Stormy or very damp fog. Husked some of Joseph & my corn and staid at the store some. In afternoon after 2 o'clock helped Father husk some of his corn. Joseph was gone most of the fournoon to Coffees and round.

October FRIDAY 16 1857

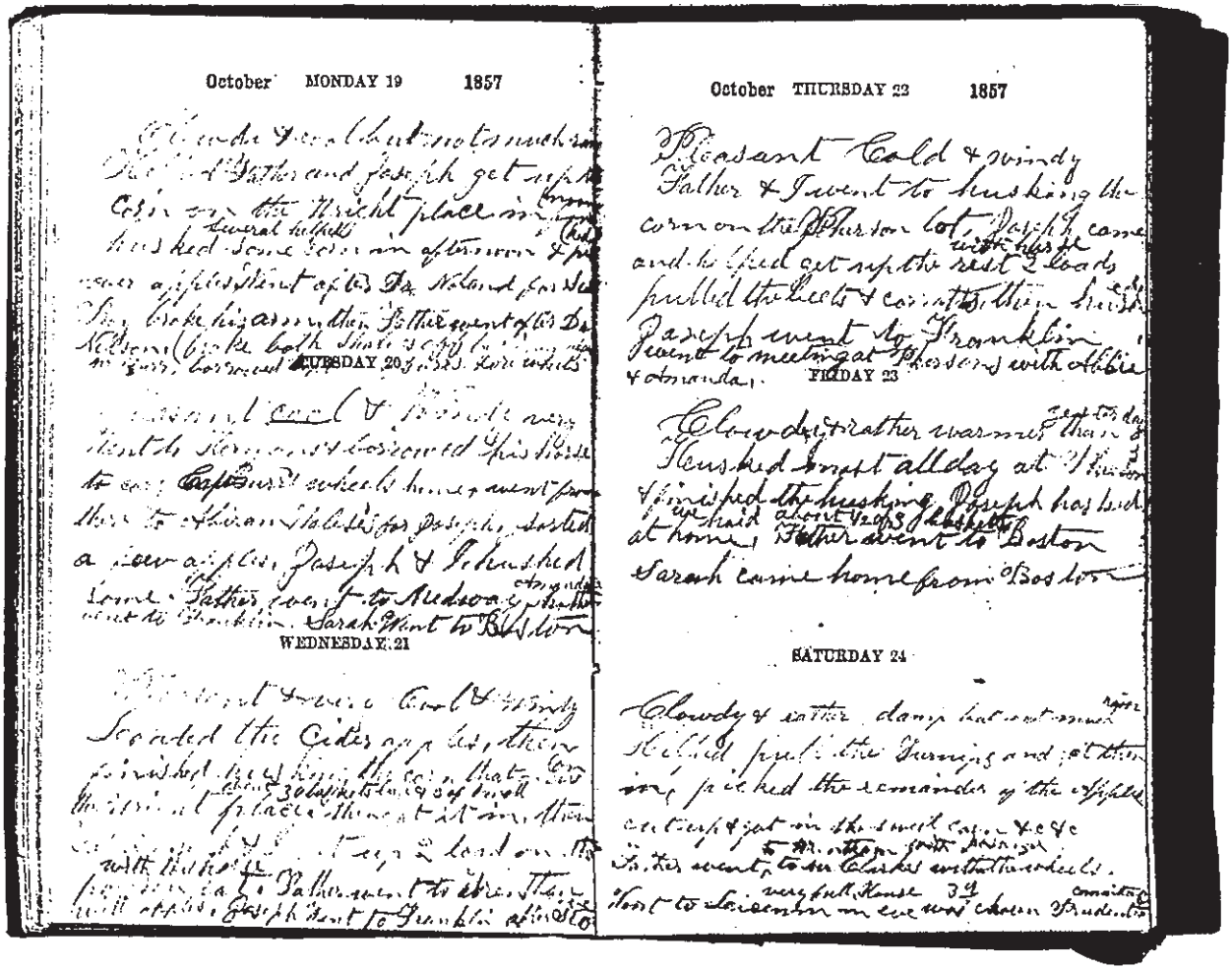
Stormy - heavy rain last night - but not much rain. Helped Father husk corn - and finished it - in fournoon. Joseph helped husk about 3 hours & dug potatoes & c about 1 hour. Father dug potatoes & picked apples in afternoon. Went to Wrentham - to cary passenger - in the eve. Cars - mail train - about 3 hours late on account of (?) on track raising engine.
On side: Alvah & Martha came here. Martha staid.

SATURDAY 17

Pleasant & very windy & cool. Helped Father dig - finished them - potatoes. Got the pumpkins - Joseph helped some - in the fournoon. Went a Chestnuting with Martha, Sarah & Amanda about 1 ½. Then helped sorted potatoes & got in corn & c. Went to the Liceum (2nd) in the eve at the School-house with Martha & Sarah.

SUNDAY 18

Pleasant, cool & windy. Went to meeting all day. Rev. Thayer preached. Horrace Briggs came here at noon. Staid till after meeting in eve. Meeting here in the evening. Very full house.



October MONDAY 19 1857

October THURSDAY 22 1857

October MONDAY 19 1857

Clowdy & cool, but not much rain. Helped Father & Joseph get up the corn on the Wright place in the fournoon. Husked some corn in the afternoon & picked over apples. Went after Dr. Nolan for Scott. Boy, broke his arm. Then Father went after Dr. Nelson (broke both shalves off (? ? ?). Mr. Burr borrowed Capt. Burrs fore wheels.

TUESDAY 20

Pleasant cool & Windy, very . Went to Hermons & borrowed his horse to cary Capt. Burrs wheels home, went from there to Abiram Wales'es for Joseph. Sorted a few apples. Joseph & I husked some. Father went to Medway. Amanda, Mother went to Franklin. Sarah went to Boston.

WEDNESDAY 21

Pleasant & very cool & windy. Loaded the cider apples, then finished husking the corn that grew on the Wright place, about 30 baskets large & 3 of small, then got it in. Then Father, Joseph & I got up 2 load on the Pherson lot with the horse. Father went to Wrentham with apples. Joseph went to Franklin after stove.

October THURSDAY 22 1857

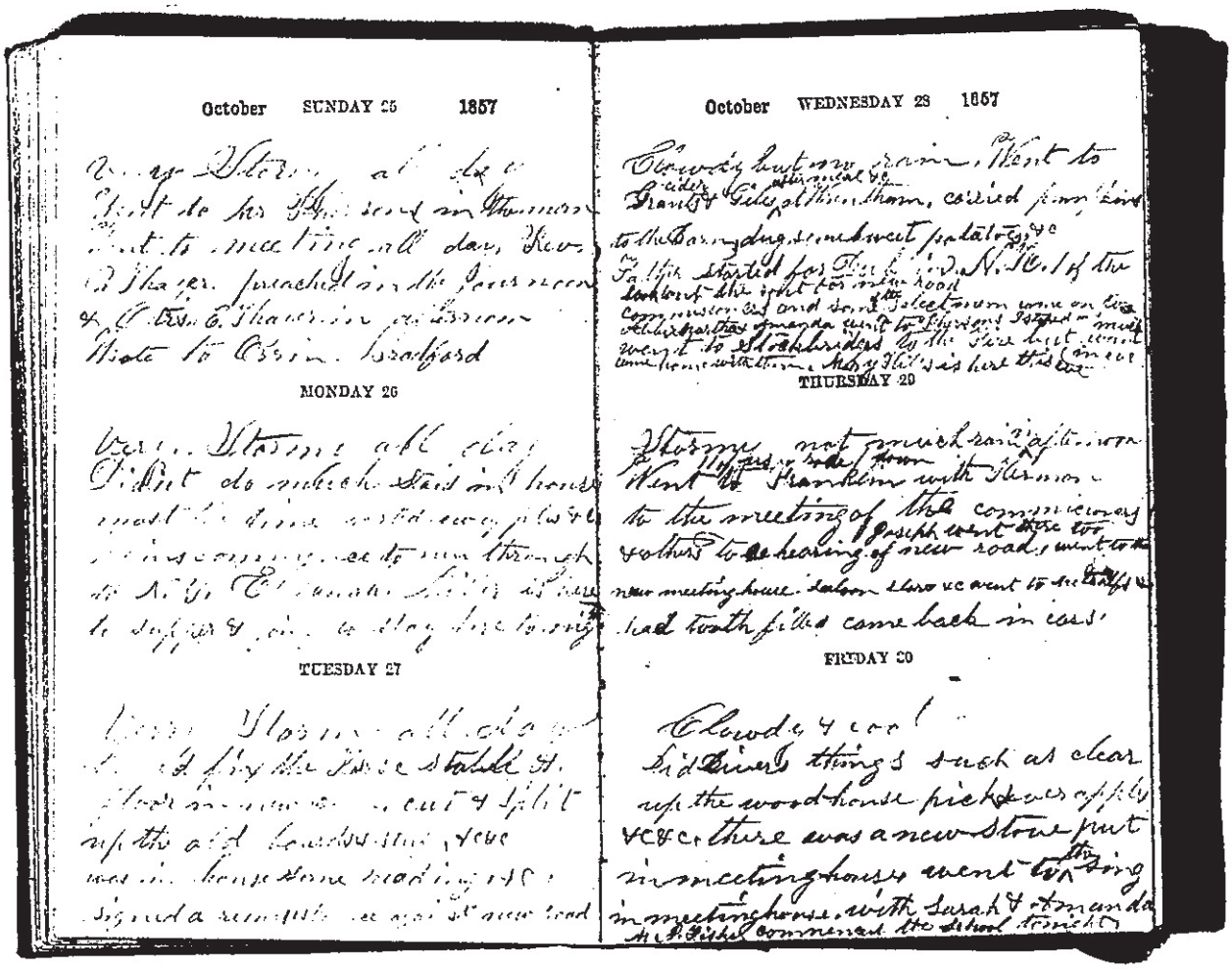
Pleasant, cold & windy. Father & I went to husking the corn on the Pherson lot. Joseph came and helped get up the rest 2 loads with horse. Pulled the beets & carrotts. Then husked. Joseph went to Franklin. Went to meeting at Phersons with Abbie & Amanda.

FRIDAY 23

Clowdy & rather warmer than yesterday. Husked most all day at Pherson & finished the husking. Joseph husked at home, we haid about ½ of 3 baskets. Father went to Boston. Sarah came home from Boston.

SATURDAY 24

Clowdy & rather damp but not much rain. Helped pull the turnips and got them in. Picked the remainder of the apples. Cut up & got in the sweet corn & c & c. Father went to Wrentham with passenger to Mr. Clarkes with the wheels. Went to Liceum in eve very full house. Was 3rd chosen Presidential Committee.



October SUNDAY 25 1857

October WEDNESDAY 28 1857

October SUNDAY 25 1857

Very Stormy all day. Went to Mr. Pherson in the morn. Went to meeting all day. Rev. O. Thayer preached in the fournoon & Otis E Thayer in the afternoon. Wrote to Orrin Bardford.

MONDAY 26

Very Stormy all day. Didn't do much. Staid in house most the time. Sorted few apples & c. Trains commence to run through to N.Y. Elhanah Miller is here to supper & going to stay here to night.

TUESDAY 27

Verry Stormy all day. Helped fix the Horse stable & floor in new barn. Cut & Split up the old boards & stuff, & co. Signed a remonstrance against new road.

October WEDNESDAY 28 1857

Clowdy but no rain. Went to Grants & Giles after (cider) meal & c. at Wrentham, carried pumpkins to barn, dug some Sweet potatoes & c. Father started for (look out the rout for new road) Dublin, N.H. 1 of the Commissioners and some of the Selectman came on to (?). Abbie, Martha & Amanda went to Phersons. I stoped and * went to Stockbridges to the Fire but came home with them. Mary Hills is here this eve.

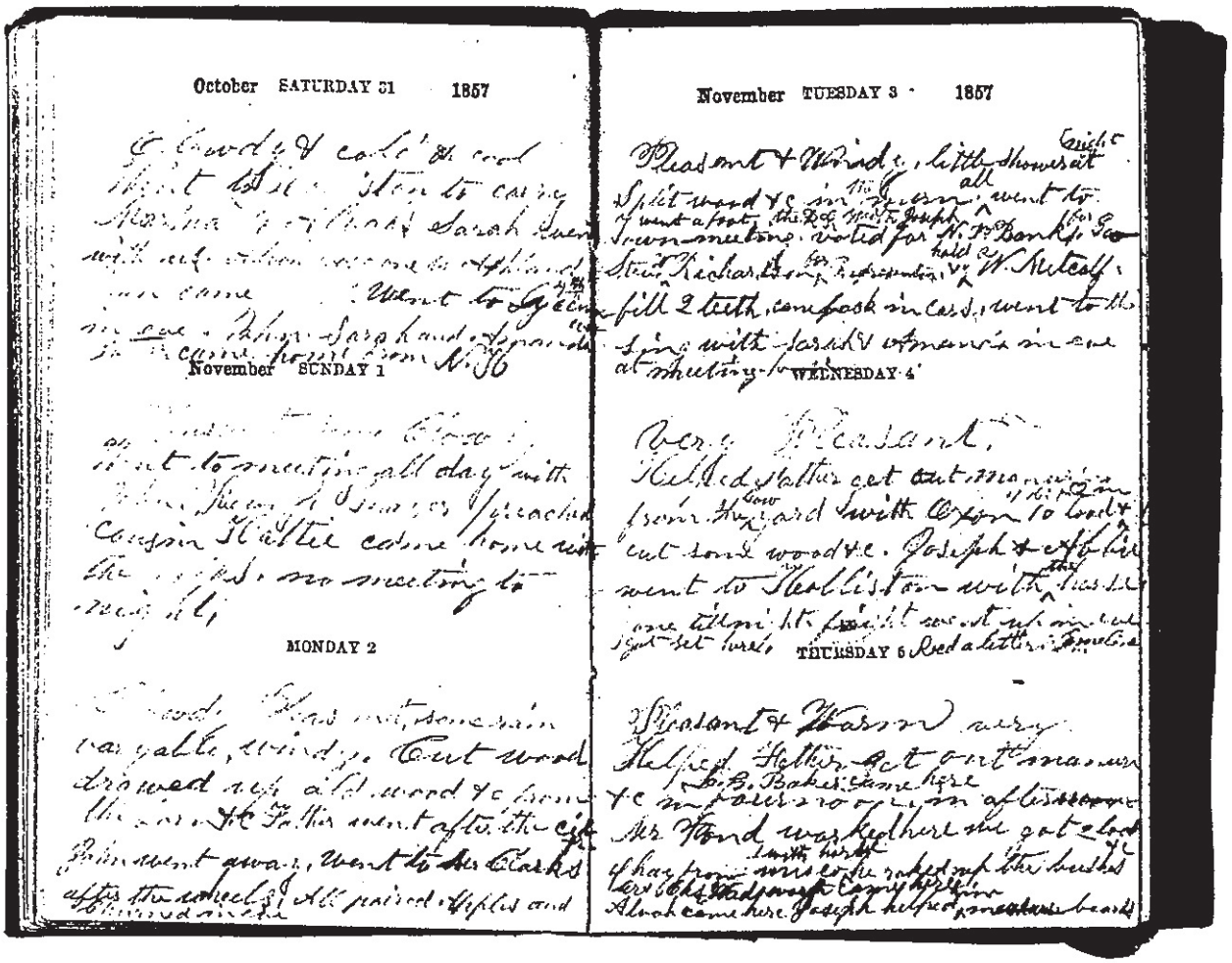
*"Much want in eve" written on side

THURSDAY 29

Stormy not much rain in afternoon. Went to Franklin, 11 of us rode down with Herman to meeting of the commisioners & other to hearing of new road. Joseph was there too. Went to the new meeting house saloon store & c. Went to Metcalf & had tooth filled. Came back in cars.

FRIDAY 30

Clowdy & cool Did Divers things, such as clear up the wood house, picked over apples & c & c. There was a new stove put in meeting house. Went to the sing in meetinghouse with Sarah & Amanda. Mr. J. Fisher commenced with the School tonight.



October SATURDAY 31 1857

November SUNDAY 1

MONDAY 2

November TUESDAY 3 1857

WEDNESDAY 4

THURSDAY 5

October SATURDAY 31 1857

Clowdy & cold & cool. Went to Holliston to carry Martha to Alvahs. Sarah went with us. Alvah was gone to Ashland. John came here. Went to Lycium, 4th, in eve. John, Sarah and Amanda went. Father came home from N.H.

November SUNDAY 1

Pleasant, some Clowdy. Went to meeting all day with John. Rev. J. Thayer preached. Cousin Hattie came home with the folks. No meeting tonight.

MONDAY 2

Clowdy, Pleasant, some rain varyable, windy. Cut wood. Drawed up old wood & c. from the barn & c. Father went after the cider. John went away. Went to Mr. Clarks after the wheels. All paired apples and churned in eve.

November TUESDAY 3 1857

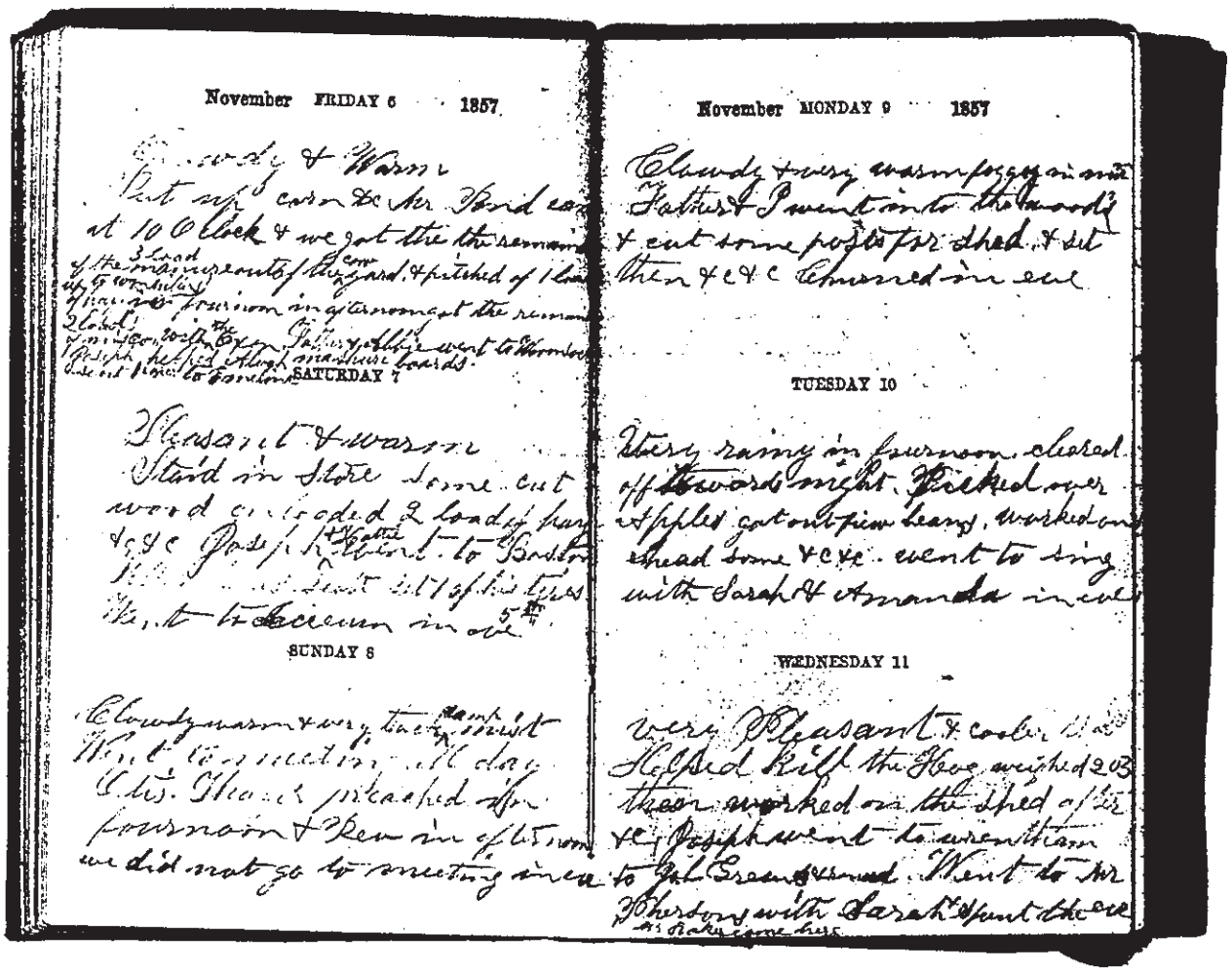
Pleasant & windy, little shower at night. Split wood & c in the morn. All went to Town meeting (went a foot the RR with Joseph) voted for N.P. Banks for Gov. Steve W. Richardson for Representor & c. Had W. Metcalf fill 2 teeth. Came back in cars. Went to sing with Sarah & Amanda in eve at meeting house.

WEDNESDAY 4

Very Pleasant. Helped Father get out manure from the cow yard with oxan 10 load & cut some wood & c. Joseph & Abbie went to Holliston with the horse, gone till night. Freight went up in eve got set here. Recd a letter from Emeline.

THURSDAY 5

Pleasant & Warm very. Helped Father get out manure & c. in fournoon. L.C. Baker came here. In afternoon Mr. Pond worked here. We got 2 load of hay from misco, 1 with horse, he raked up the bushes. (?) Chs Wadsworth came here. Alvah came here. Joseph helped him measure boards.



November FRIDAY 6 1857

November MONDAY 9 1857

November FRIDAY 6 1857

Clowdy & warm. Put up corn & c. Mr. Pond came at 10 o'clock & we got the the remainder of the manure (3 load) out of the cow yard and pitched of 1 load of hay in fournoon (up to Wm Millers). In afternoon, got the remainder of misco (2 loads) with the oxan. Father & Abby went to Woonsocket. Joseph helped Alvah mashure boards. Sent paper to Emeline.

SATURDAY 7

Pleasant & warm. Staid in store some. Cut wood. On loaded 2 loads of hay & c & c. Joseph & Hattie went to Boston. Father helped Scott set 1 of his tires. Went to Luciem in eve, 5th.

SUNDAY 8

Clowdy, warm & very thick damp mist. Went to meeting all day. Otis Thayer preached in the fournoon & Rev in the afternoon. We did not got to meeting in eve.

November MONDAY 9 1857

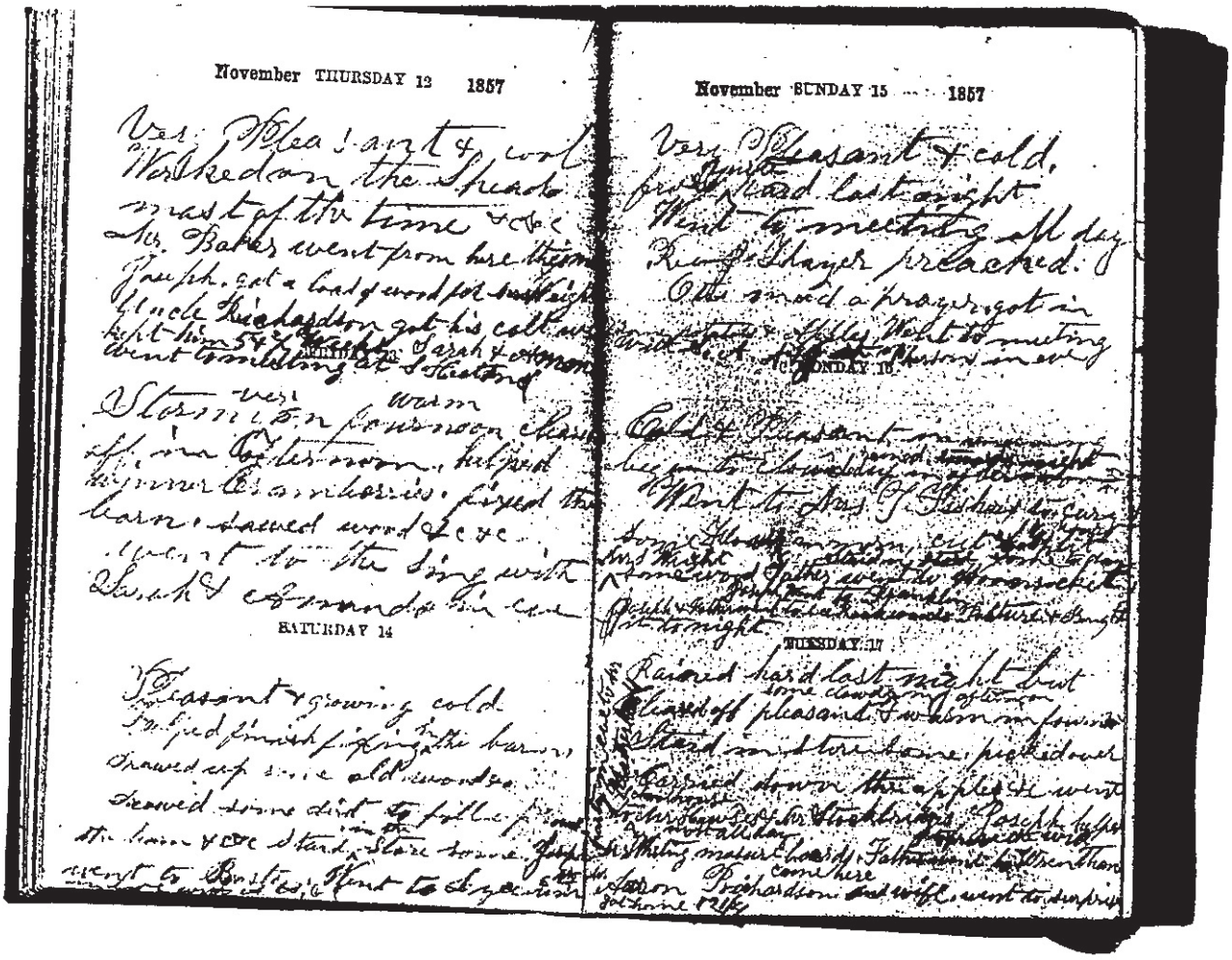
Clowdy & very warm foggy in morn. Father & I went into the woods & cut some posts for shed & set the & c & c. Churned in the eve.

TUESDAY 10

Very rainy in fournoon, cleared off towards night. Picked over apples. Got out fiew beans. Worked on the shead some & c & c. Went to sing with Sarah & Amanda in eve.

WEDNESDAY 11

Very Pleasant & cooler (?). Helped kill the Hog weighed 203. Then worked on the shed after & c. Joseph went to Wrentham to Job Greens & round. Went to Mr. Phersons with Sarah & spent the eve. Mr. Baker came here.



November THURSDAY 12 1857

November SUNDAY 15 1857

November THURSDAY 12 1857

Very Pleasant & cool. Worked on the Shead most of the time & c & c. Mr. Baker went from here this morn. Joseph got a load of wood for Mrs Wright. Uncle Richardson got his calf. We kept him 5 2/7 weeks. Sarah & Amanda went to meeting at S. Heatons.

FRIDAY 13

Stormy, very, in fournoon, warm, cleared off in afternoon. Helped winner Cranberries. Fixed the barn. Sawed wood & c & c. Went to the sing with Sarah & Amanda in eve.

SATURDAY 14

Pleasant & growing cold. Helped finish fixing the barn. Drawed up some old wood & c. Drawed some dirt to fill up the barn & c & c. Staid in the store some. Joseph went to Boston. Went to Lycium, 6th with Abbie.

November SUNDAY 15 1857

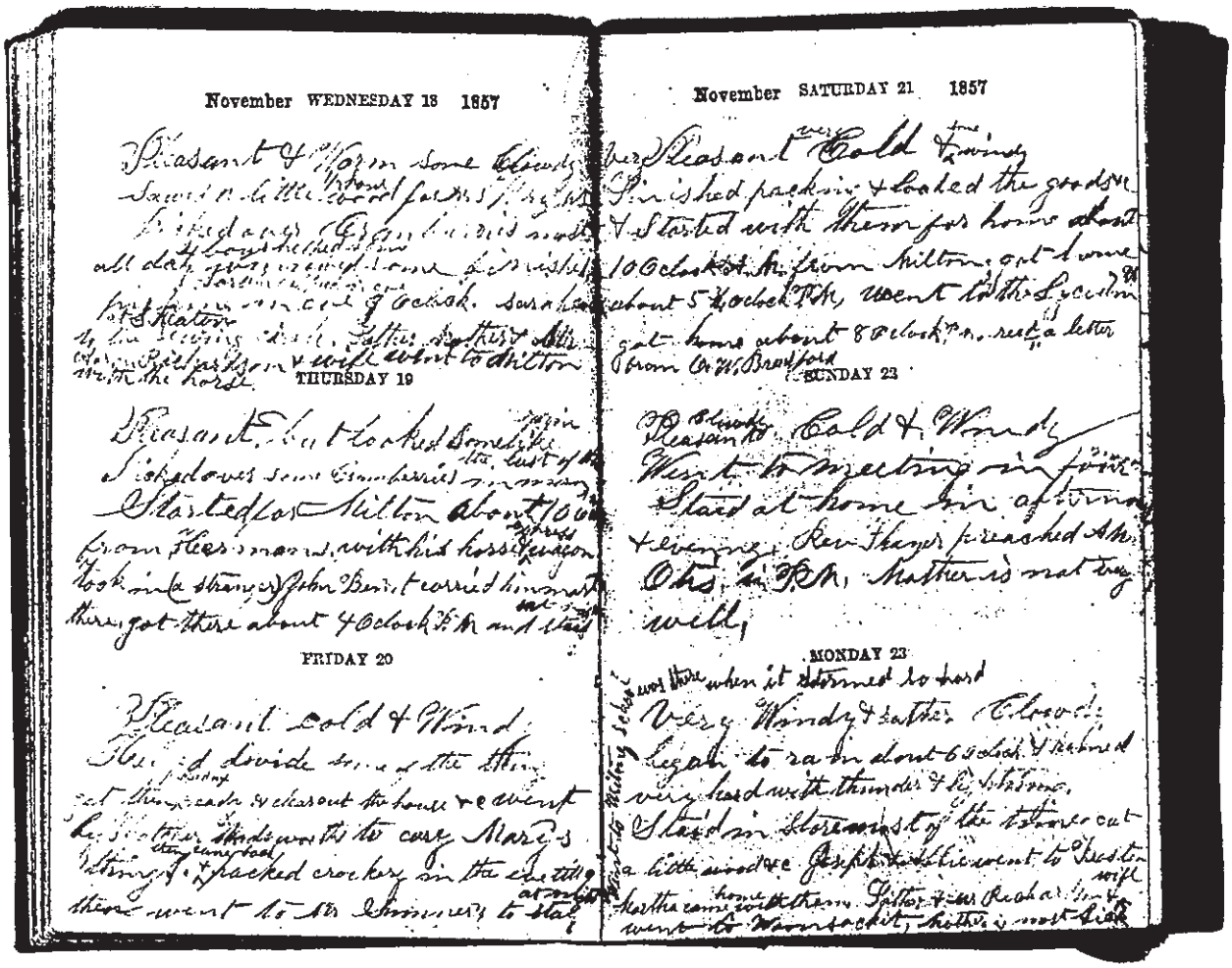
Very pleasant & cold. Frost quite hard last night. Went to meeting all day. Rev. Thayer preached. Otis (?) a prayer. Got in some potatoes & apples. Went to meeting with S. A. A & J. at Phersons in eve.

MONDAY 16

Cold & Pleasant in morning. Began to clowd up in afternoon (rain toward night). Went to Mr. T. Fishers to cary some flour in morn. Cut & split (1 ¼ hour) Mrs. Wright some wood. Father went to Woonsocket. Staid in store some today. (Joseph went to Franklin) Joseph & Father went to see Rockwoods Pasture & Bought it tonight.

TUESDAY 17

Rained hard last night but cleared off, some clowdy in the afternoon, pleasant & warm in fournoon. Staid in store some. Picked over & carried down the apples & c. Went to schoolhouse Mr. Haweses & Mr. Stockridges. Joseph helped Mr. Whiting (most all day) masure boards. Father went to Wrentham (to prove the (?). Aaron Richardson and wife came here. Went to surprise (party in eve to Mr. (?))* Got home 12 ¼ . *written on side.



November WEDNESDAY 18 1857

November SATURDAY 21 1857

November WEDNESDAY 18 1857

Pleasant & Warm, some clowdy. Sawed a little wood (½ hour) for Mr. Wright. Picked over Cranberries most all day. Winnowed some. Finished picking in eve, 9 o'clock. (Sarah helped in eve.) Sarah went to the sewing circle (at S. Heatons). Father, Mother & Mr. Aaron Richardson & wife went to Milton with the horse.

THURSDAY 19

Pleasant, but looked some like rain. Picked over some Cranberries (the last of them) in morn. Started for Milton about 10 o'clock from Hermans with his horse & express wagon. Took in (a stranger) John Benit carried him most there. Got there about 4 o'clock P.M. and staid at night.

FRIDAY 20

Pleasant, cold & windy. Helped divide some of the things, get them packed up ready & clear out the house & c. Went by Thatcher Wadsworths to cary Mary's things. Then came back packed crockery in the eve till 9. Then went to Mr. Sumner's to stay at night.

November SATURDAY 21 1857

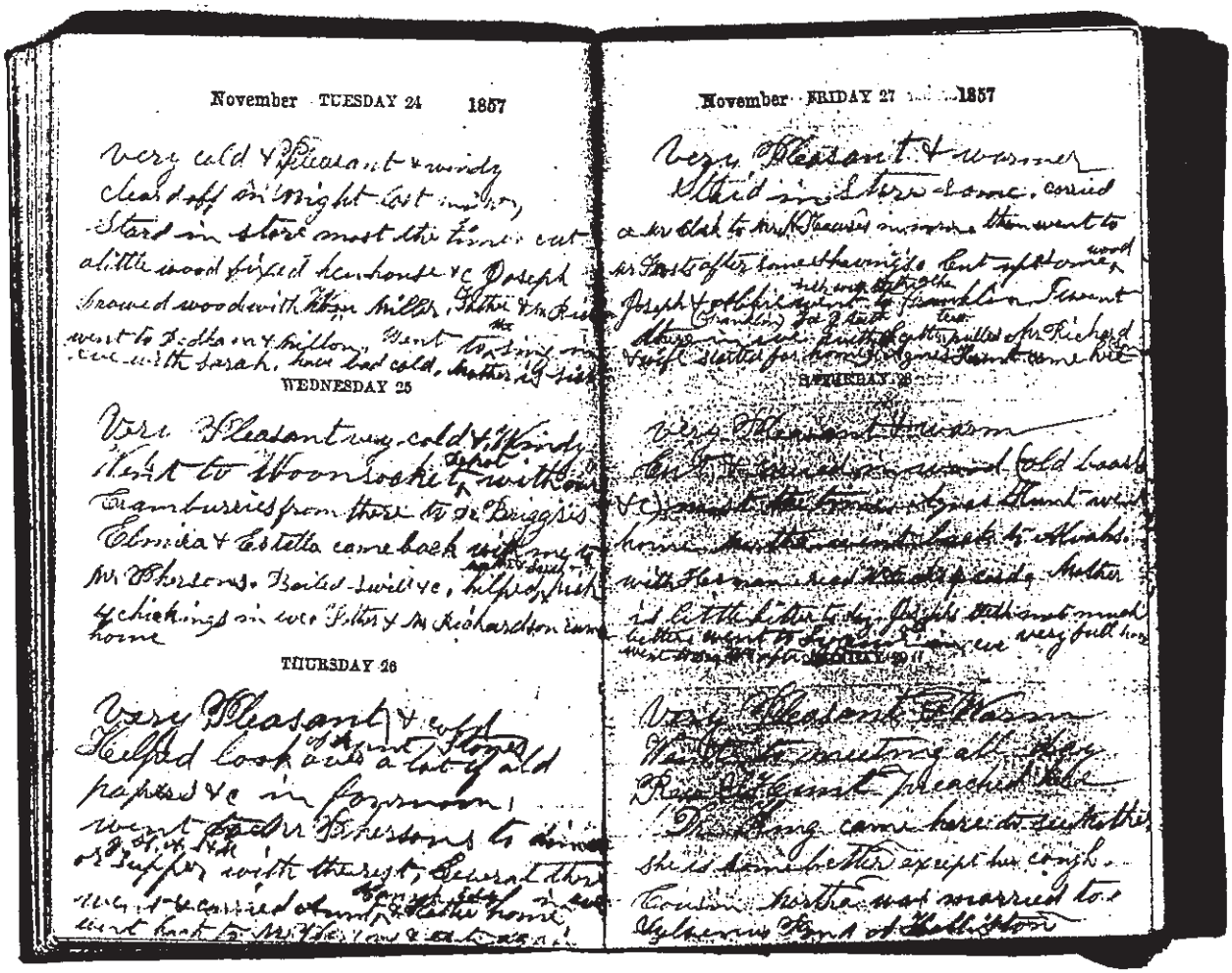
Very Pleasant, very Cold & some windy. Finished packing & loaded the good & c & started with them for home about 10 o'clock A.M. from Milton. Got home about 5 ¾ o'clock P.M. Went to the Lycium, 7th, Got home about 8 o'clock, PM. Recd a letter from O.W. Bradford.

SUNDAY 22

Pleasant, clowdy, cold & windy. Went to meeting in fournoon. Staid at home in the afternoon & evening. Rev. Thayer preached A.M. Otis in P.M. Mother is not very well.

MONDAY 23

Very windy & rather clody. Began to rain about 6 o'clock & rained very hard with thunder & lightning. Staid in store most of the time. Cut a little wood 7 c. Joseph & Abbie went to Boston. Martha came home with them. Father & Mr. Richardson's wife went to Woonsocket. Mother is most sick. *(written on side) Went to Writing School, was there when it stormed so hard.*



November TUESDAY 24 1857

Very cold & pleasant & windy
cleared off in night last night,
Staid in store most the time. cut
a little wood fixed hen house &c Joseph
drawed wood with Wm Miller. Father & Mr Rich
went to Dedham & Milton. Went to sing in
eve with Sarah. have bad cold. Mother is sick

WEDNESDAY 25

Very Pleasant very cold & windy
Went to Woonsocket Depot with our
Cranberries from there to Mr Briggs's
Elmira & Estella came back with me to
Mr Phersons. Boiled swill &c. helped Martha &
4 chickings in eve. Father & Mr Richardson came
home

THURSDAY 26

Very Pleasant & cold
Helped look over a lot of old
papers &c in fornoon.
went to Mr Phersons to dinner
or supper with the rest, Several there
went & carried Aunt Hannah & Eddy home
went back to Mr Pherson & (?) again

November FRIDAY 27 1857

Very Pleasant & warmer
Staid in Store some. carried
a Mr Clark to Mr H Hawses in morn. then went to
Mr Frosts after some shavings. Cut up some wood
Joseph & Abbie went to Franklin. I went
Franklin for J. teeth there in eve with Scott
teeth pulled. Mr Richard & wife started for home. Agnes Hunt came here

SATURDAY 28

Very Pleasant & warm
Cut & carried in wood (old boards &c)
most the time. Agnes Hunt went home
Martha went back to Alvahs
with Herman. Recd W. Peck's card
Mother is little better today. Joseph teeth
not much better. Went to lycium, 8th, in eve. Very
full house

SUNDAY 29

Very Pleasant & Warm. Went to meeting all day.
Rev. S. Hunt preached here. Dr King came here to
see Mother. She is some better except her cough.
Cousin Martha was married to
Sylvenus Pond of Holliston

November TUESDAY 24 1857

Very cold & pleasant & windy, cleared off in night last night. Staid in store most the time. Cut a little wood. Fixed the hen house & c. Joseph drawed wood with Wm Miller. Father & Mr. Richardson went to Dedham & Milton. Went to the sing in eve with Sarah. Have bad cold. Mother is sick.

WEDNESDAY 25

Very Pleasant, ver cold & windy. Went to Woonsocket Depot with our Cranberries, from there to Mr. Briggses. Elmira & Estella came back with me to Mr. Phersons. Boiled swill & c. Helped Martha & Sarah pick 4 chickings in eve. Father & Mr. Richardson came home.

THURSDAY 26

Very Pleasant & cold. Helped look over a lot of old (of Aunt Stones) papers & c in fournoon. Went to Mr. Pherson in dinner or supper with the rest (J. H. A. S. & M.) Several there. Went & carried Aunt Hannah & Eddy to the home. Went back to Mr. Pherson & (?) again.

November FRIDAY 27 1857

Very Pleasant & warmer. Staid in Store some. Carried a Mr. Clark to Mr. H. Hawses in morn. Then went to Mr. Frosts after some shavings. Cut up some wood. Joseph (sick with teeth ache) & Abbie went to Franklin. I went [(Franklin) for J. teeth] there in eve with Scott teeth pulled. Mr. Richardson & wife started for home. Agnes Hunt came here.

SATURDAY 28

Very Pleasant & warm. Cut & carried in wood (old boards & c) most the time. Agnes Hunt went home. Martha went back to Alvahs with Herman. Recd W. Peck's card. Mother is little better today. Joseph teeth not much better. Went to lycium, 8th, in eve. Very full house.

SUNDAY 29

Very Pleasant & Warm. Went to meeting all day. Rev. S. Hunt preached here. Dr. King came here to see Mother. She is some better except her cough. Cousin Martha was married to Sylvenus Pond of Holliston.

November 28, 1857 Seth Wadsworth bought the Rockwood Lot

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The following is known as the Rockwood Lot

Rockwood to Wadsworth

Know all men by these presence that I, Erastus Rockwood of Franklin county of Norfolk and commonwealth of Massachusetts, merchant, in consideration of five hundred dollars paid by Seth Wadsworth of Franklin aforesaid yeoman the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Seth Wadsworth his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Franklin aforesaid on the easterly side of the road leading from Orin W. Adams to Joseph Hawes place containing thirty one and one half acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows: beginning at the south west corner of said land at the road from thence running N. 89 ° 45 ° E twenty five rods on wood land of Willard E. Whiting to the wood land of the heirs of Artenias Bordeau to a stake and stones, thence N 14 ° E as said heirs land fifteen rods and eighteen inches to a white oak tree thence N 71 ° 30 ° E on said heirs wood land 34 rods 18 links to wood land of Willard E. Whiting to a stake and stones by the cleared land of the heirs of A. Bordeau, thence N 4 ° W on said heirs cleared 14 rods 7 links to the north end of a large rock, thence N. 6 rods and N. 7 ° W 21 rods and 16 links on land of said A. Bordeau heirs S. 70 ° N on said heirs land 24 rods and 11 links, thence N. 19 ° 15 ° E on said heirs 77 rods to land of Samuel Darling, thence N. 74 ° 15 ° W. on said Darling's land 23 rods 16 links to the road aforesaid, thence on said road to the place of the beginning. Also one other piece of sprout land lying on the westerly side of the aforesaid road containing eight acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows to wit: commencing at a stake and stones by the road at the northeast corner of said land by land of Lois Adams thence running on said Lois Adams land W 22 ° S ten rods to a stake and stones, thence N. 8 ½° S. eighteen rods and 19 links to a stake and stones by land of Paul B. Clark thence S. 8 ° E. forth nine rods and 6 links on land of Paul B. Clark and Abijah Clark to a stake and stones thence nine rods to the road aforesaid, thence on said road to the first mentioned bound. To have and to hold the above granted premises with all the privileges and appurenances to the same being to the said Seth Wadsworth and his heirs and assigns to his said (?) and behoof forever. And I the said grantor for myself and my heirs executors and administrators do covenant with the said grantee and his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully free from all incumbrances that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said grantee and his heirs and assigns forever in manner as aforesaid, and that I will and my heirs executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the said grantee and his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims & demands of all persons. In witness where of, I , the said Erastus Rockwood and Louisa M. Rockwood the wife of the said Erastus Rockwood in (?) of her release of all right and title of or to dower in the granted premises, have hereunto set out hands and seals this twenty seventh day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty seven. Erastus Rockwood (seal) Louisa M. Rockwood (seal) signed sealed and delivered in presence of George B. Baker, Mrs. Rockwood. Norfolk ss. November 28 1857 Then personally appeared the within named Erastus Rockwood and acknowledged the aforesaid instrument to be his free act and deed before me Paul B. Clark, Justice of the Peace.

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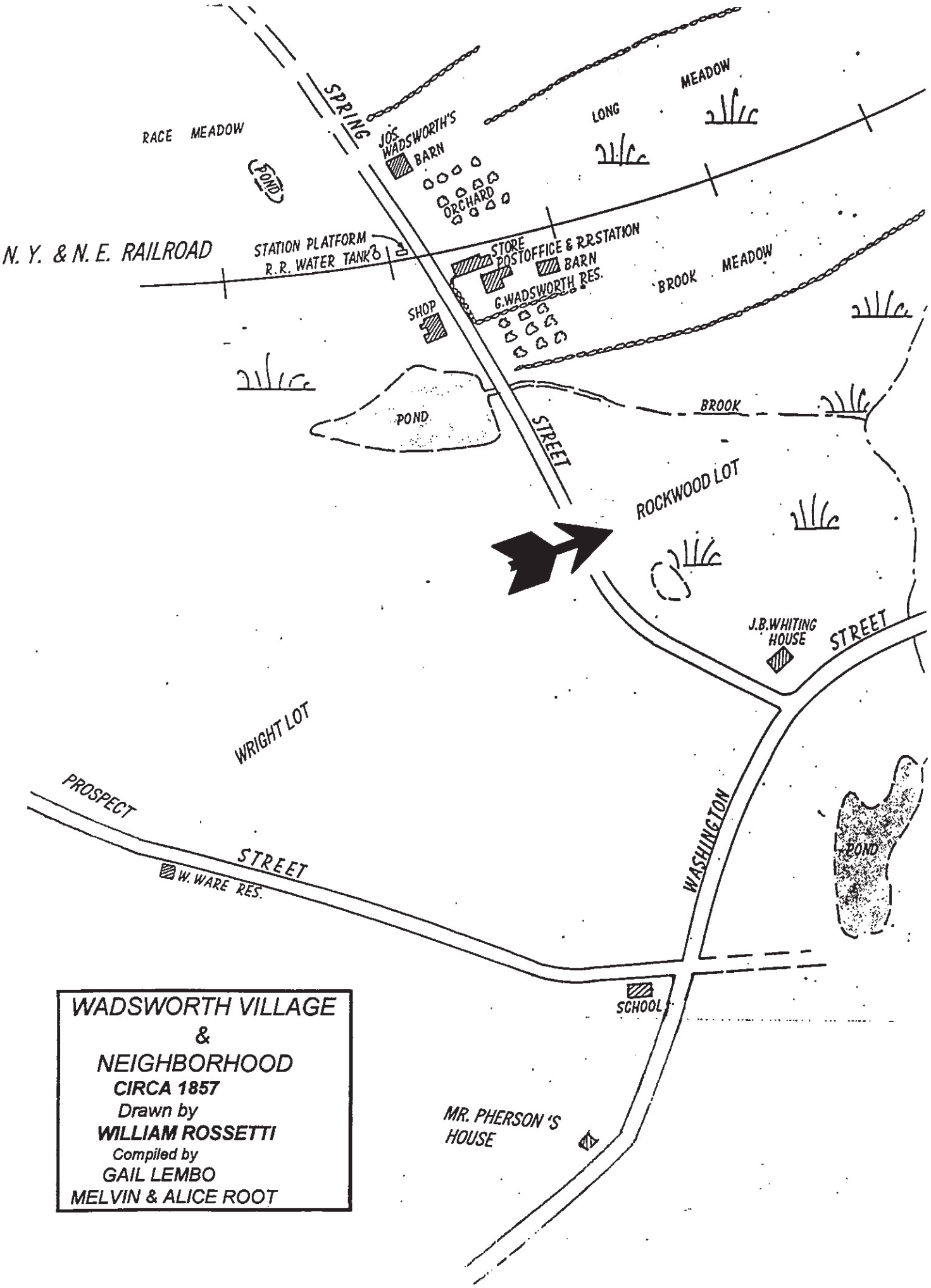
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R.R. WATER TANK
STORE
POSTOFFICE & RR STATION
BARN
G. WADSWORTH RES.
BROOK MEADOW
SHOP
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ROCKWOOD LOT
J.B. WHITING HOUSE
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W. WARE RES.
WASHINGTON
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MR. PHERSON'S HOUSE
WADSWORTH VILLAGE
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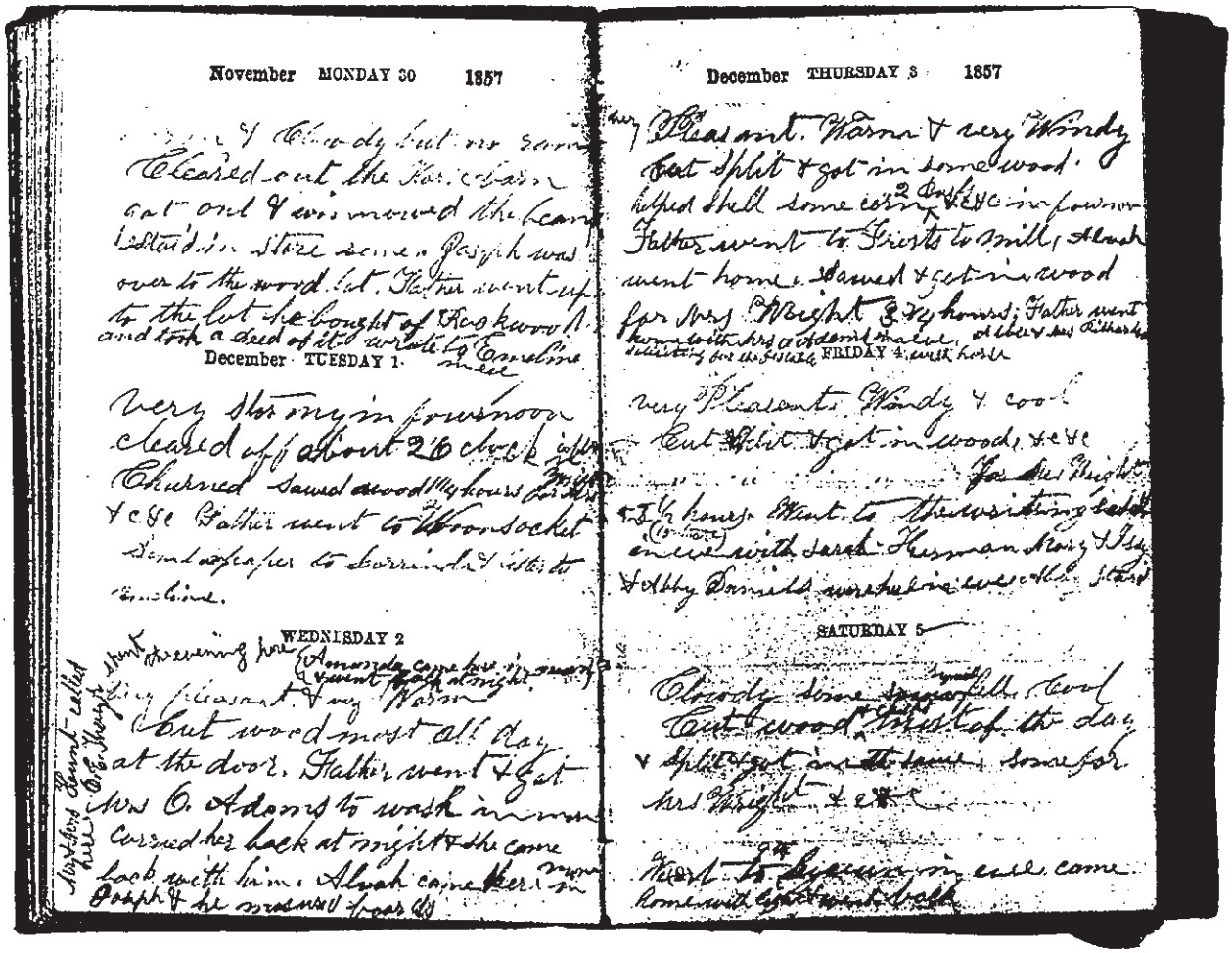


November MONDAY 30 1857

December TUESDAY 1

WEDNESDAY 2

December THURSDAY 3 1857

FRIDAY 4

SATURDAY 5

November MONDAY 30 1857

Warm & Clowdy but no rain. Cleared out the Horse barn. Got out & winnowed the beans. Staid in store some. Joseph was over to the wood lot. Father went up to the lot he bought of Rockwood and took a deed of it. Write to Emeline in eve.

December TUESDAY 1

Very stormy in fournoon. Cleared off about 2 o'clock in afternoon. Churned, sawed wood 1 ¼ hours for Mrs. Wright & c & c. Father went to Woonsocket. Sent paper to Lorrinda & letter to Emeline.

WEDNESDAY 2

Very pleasant & very Warm. Cut wood most all day at the door. Father went & got Mrs. O. Adams to was in the morn, carried her back at night & she came back with him. Alvah came here in morn. Joseph & he masured boards.

(written on side) Mr. & Mrs. Hunt called here. O.E. Thayer spent the eveing here (Amanda came here in morn & went back at night)

December THURSDAY 3 1857

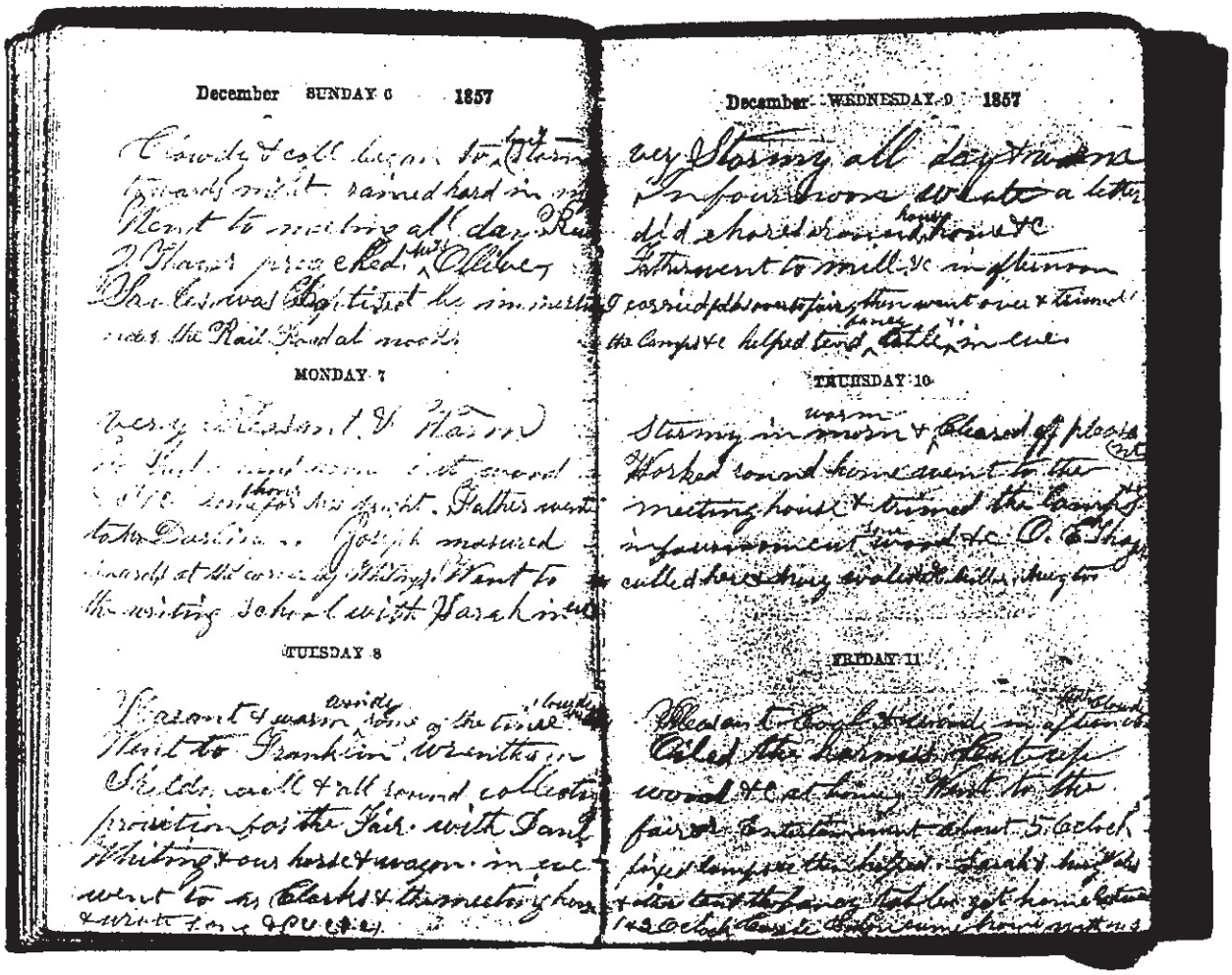
Very Pleasant, warm & very windy. Cut, split & got in some wood. Helped shell some corn, 2 bushs, & c & c in fournoon. Father went to Frosts to mill, Alvah went home. Sawed & got in wood for Mrs. Wright 3 ¾ hours; Father went home with Mrs. O Adams in eve. Abbie & Mrs. Richardson soliciting for the festable with horse.

FRIDAY 4

Very Pleasant, windy & cool. Cut, split & got in wood & c & c. " " " " " "
for Mrs. Wright 3 ½ hours. Went to the Writing school in eve (15 there) with Sarah. Herman, Mary, & Issy & Abby Daniels were here in eve. Abby staid.

SATURDAY 5

Clowdy some snow fell, squall, cool. Cut wood & chips most of the day & split & got in the same, some for Mrs. Wright & c & c. Went to, 9th, Lycium in eve. Came home with light & went back.



December SUNDAY 6 1857

December WEDNESDAY 9 1857

December SUNDAY 6 1857

Clowdy & cool, began to hail (storm) towards night. Rained hard in night. Went to meeting all day. Rev. J. Thayer preached. Mrs. Ollive Sayles was Baptised by immertion near the Rail Road at noon.

MONDAY 7

Very Pleasant & warm. Worked around home, cut wood & c & c. Some for Mrs. Wright. (1 hour) Father went to Mr. Darlings. Joseph masured boards at the corner by Whitings. Went to the writing school with Sarah in eve.

TUESDAY 8

Pleasant & warm windy some of the time clowdy A.M. Went to Franklin, Wrentham, Sheldonville & all round collecting provition for the Fair with Danl Whiting & our horse & wagon. In eve went to Mr. Clarks & the meeting house & wrote some & PU c & c.

December WEDNESDAY 9 1857

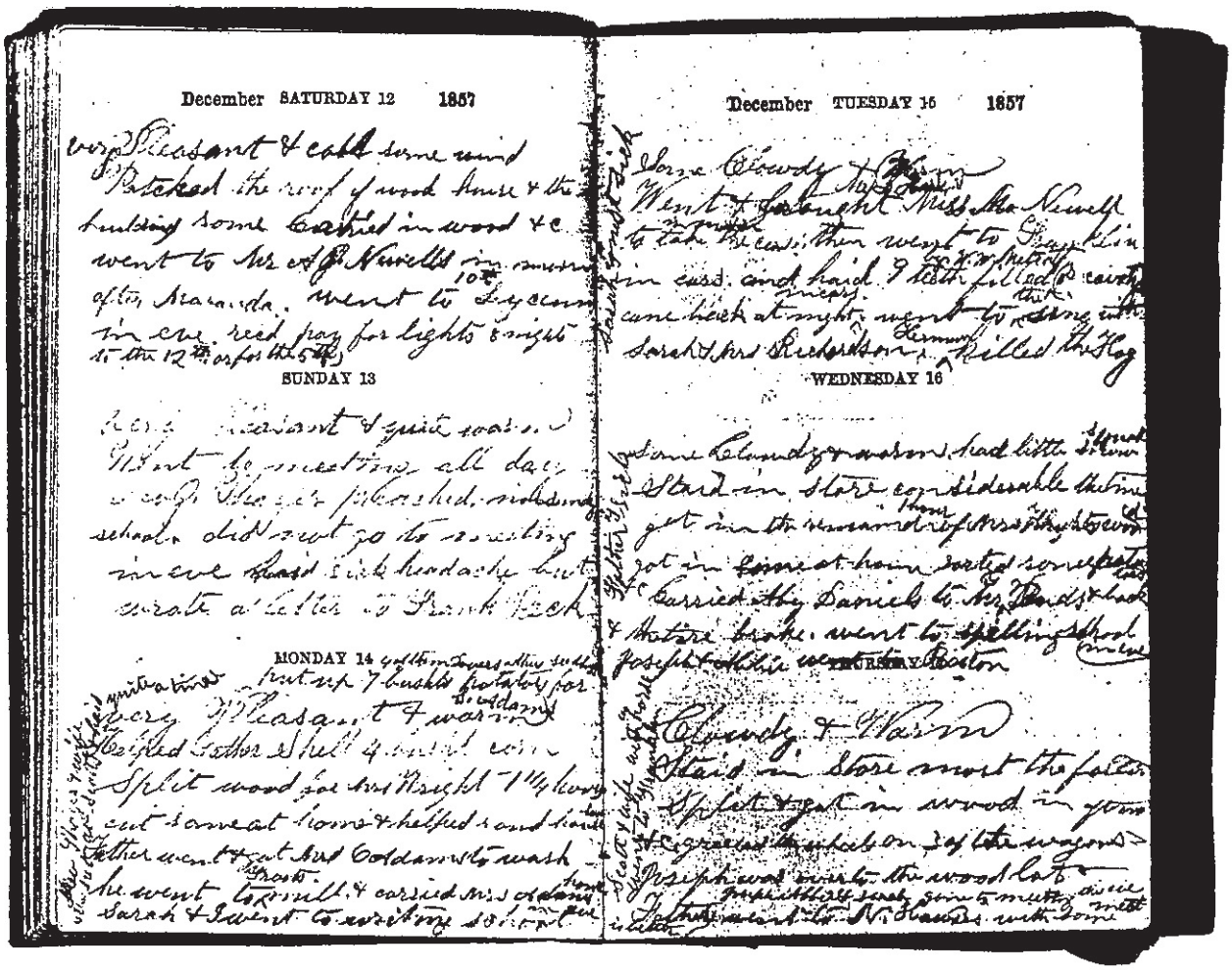
Very stormy all day & warm. In fournoon wrote a letter. Did chores around house & home & c. Father went to mill & c in the afternoon. I carried folks over to fair, then went over & trimed the lamps & c. Helped tend fancy tables & c in eve.

THURSDAY 10

Stormy in morn (warm) & cleared off Pleasant. Worked round home. Went to the meeting house & trimed the lamps & c. In fournoon cut some wood & c. O. E. Thayer called here & Mary Wales & H. Miller, Mary too.

FRIDAY 11

Pleasant Cool & windy in afternoon (Clowdy). Oiled the harness. Cut up wood & c at home. Went to the fair or Entertainment about 5 o'clock. Fixed lamps & c, then helped Sarah & Mary Wales & (?) tend the fancy tables. Got home between 1 & 2 o'clock. Carrie Fulor came home with us.



December SATURDAY 12 1857

December TUESDAY 15 1857

December SATURDAY 12 1857

Very Pleasant & cold, some wind. Patched the roof of wood house & the other building some. Carried in wood & c. Went to Mr. A. J. Newells in morn after Maranda. Went to 10th Lycium in eve. Recd pay for lights, 8 nights to the 12th or for the 5th.

SUNDAY 13

Very Pleasant & quite warm. Went to meeting all day. Rev J. Thayer preached. No Sunday school. Did not go to meeting in eve, have sick headache but wrote a letter to Frank Peck.

MONDAY 14

Very Pleasant & warm. Helped Father Shell 4 bushl corn. Split wood for Mrs. Wright 1 ¼ hour. Cut same at home & helped round house some. Father went & got Mrs. O. Adams to wash. He went to Frosts mill & carried Mrs. Adams home. Sarah & I went to writing school in eve.

On side & top: Rev Thayer & wife (?) met at Scotts & had a grand time.
Put up 7 bushls potatoes for S. Adams 4 of them for S. Adams 4 of them Dovers, others seedlings

December TUESDAY 15 1857

Some Clowdy & warm. Went & brought (Mr. L. Hawes) Miss M. Newell to the cars. Then went to Franklin in cars and haid 9 teeth filled or cavitys by W. W. Metcalf. Came back at night in cars. Went to the sing with Sarah & Mrs. Richardson. Herman killed the Hog.

On Side: Sarah is most sick.

WEDNESDAY 16

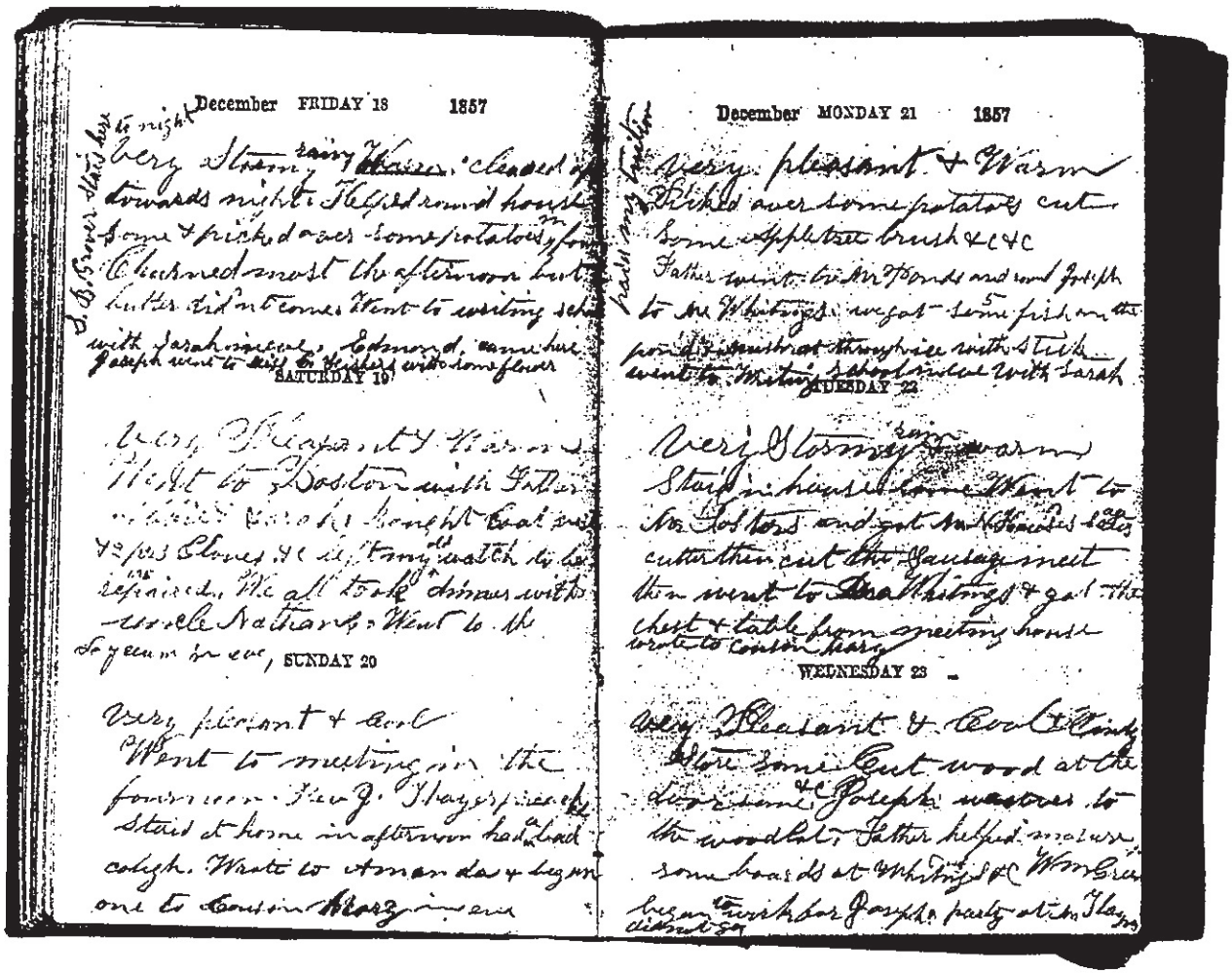
Some Clowdy & warm, had little snow squall. Staid in Store considerable the time. Got in the remainder of Mrs. Wrights wood. Got in some at home. Sorted some potatoes & c. Carried Aby Daniels to Mr. Ponds & back & the tire broke. Went to Spelling school in eve. Joseph & Abbie went to Boston.

On side : Father is sick.

THURSDAY 17

Clowdy & warm. Staid in Store most the fournoon. Split & got in wood in afternoon & c. Greesed the wheels on 3 of the wagons. Joseph was over to the wood lot. Joseph Abbie & Sarah gone to meeting this eve. Father went to N. Hawses with some meat. is better

On side: Scott & wife went to Franklin with horse.



December FRIDAY 18 1857

December MONDAY 21 1857

December FRIDAY 18 1857

Very Stormy, rainy, Warm, cleared off towards night. Helped round house some & picked some potatoes in fournoon. Churned most the afternoon but butter didn't come. Went to writing school with Sarah in eve. Edmond came here. Joseph went to Miss C. Fishers flouer.

On side: S. B. Grover stais here to night.

SATURDAY 19

Very Pleasant & Warm. Went to Boston with Father Abbie & Sarah. Bought coat, vest & 2 prs Gloves & c. Left my old watch to be repaired (1.25). We all took dinner with Uncle Nathan. Went to the Lycium in eve.

SUNDAY 20

Very pleasant & cool. Went to meeting in the fournoon. Rev. J Thayer preached. Staid at home in afternoon. Had a bad cough. Wrote to Amanda & began one to Cousin Mary in eve.

December MONDAY 21 1857

Very pleasant & warm. Picked over some potatoes. Cut some apple tree brush & c & c. Father went to Mr. Ponds and round. Joseph to Mr. Whitings. We got some (5) fish on the pond & muskrat through the ice with stick. Went to Writing school in eve with Sarah.

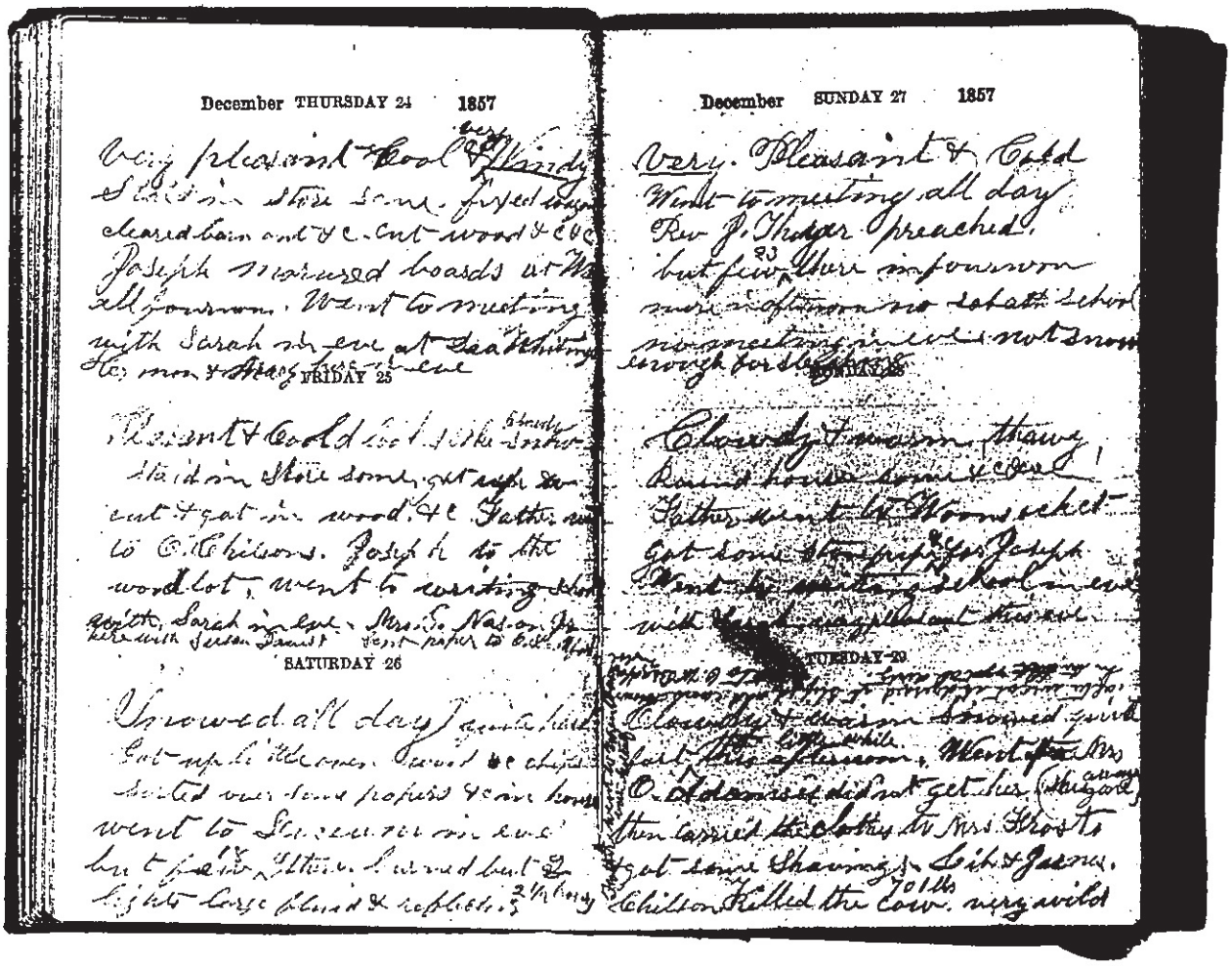
On Side: paid my tuition

TUESDAY 22

Very stormy, rain, & warm. Staid in house some. Went to Mr. Fosters and got Mr. N. Hawses sausage cutter, then cut the sausage meet, then went to Dea Whiting & got the chest & table from meeting house. Wrote to Cousin Mary.

WEDNESDAY 23

Very Pleasant & Cool & Windy. Store some. Cut wood at the door some & c. Joseph was over to the wood lot. Father helped masure some boards at Whitings & C. Wm Green began to work for Joseph. Party at Mr. Thayers. Didn't go.



December THURSDAY 24 1857

Very pleasant & cool & very windy
Staid in store some. Fixed wagon
cleared barn out & c. Cut wood & c & c
Joseph masured boards at Wh
all fournoon. Went to meeting
with Sarah in eve at Dea Whitings
Herman & Mary here in eve

FRIDAY 25

Pleasant & cold looked like snow (clowdy)
Staid in Store some. Got (?) to cut
& got in wood & c. Father went
to O. Chilsons. Joseph to the
wood lot. Went to writing school
with Sarah in eve. Mrs. G. Nason Jr.
here with Susan Davis. Sent paper to O. Bradford

SATURDAY 26

Snowed all day quite hard
Got up little oven. Wood & c chips
Sorted over some papers & c in house
went to Lycium in eve
but few 18 there. Burned but 2
lights large fluid & reflectors 2½ hours

December SUNDAY 27 1857

Very. Pleasant & Cold
Went to meeting all day
Rev J. Thayer preached.
but few 23 there in fournoon
more in afternoon no sabath school
no meeting in eve. not snow
enough for sleighing

MONDAY 28

Clowdy & warm thawy
Round house some & c & c
Father went to Woonsocket
Got some stovepipe & c for Joseph
Went to writing school in eve
with Sarah. Very pleasant this eve

TUESDAY 29

Clowdy & warm Snowed quite
fast this afternoon. Went after Mr
O. Adams did not get her (shes gone
then carried the clothes to Mrs. Frosts
get some Shavings. Lib & James.
Chilson killed the cow. 701 lbs very wild

December THURSDAY 24 1857

Very pleasant cool & very windy. Staid in store some. Fixed wagon. Cleared barn out & c. Cut wood & c & c. Joseph masured boards at Wh all fournoon. Went to meeting with Sarah in eve at Dea Whitings. Herman & Mary here in eve.

FRIDAY 25

Pleasant & cold, looked like snow (clowdy). Staid in Store some. Got (?) to cut & got in wood & c. Father went to O. Chilsons. Joseph to the wood lot. Went to Writing school with Sarah in eve. Mrs. G. Nason Jr. here with Susan Davis. Sent paper to O. Bradford.

SATURDAY 26

Snowed all day, quite hard. Got up little oven, wood & c, chips. Sorted over some papers & c in house. Went to Lycium in eve but few, 18, there. Burned but 2 lights, large fluid & reflectors 2 ½ hours.

December SUNDAY 27 1857

Very Pleasant & cold. Went to meeting all day. Rev. J. Thayer preached. But few, 23, there in fournoon. More in afternoon. No sabath school. No meeting in eve. Not snow enough for sleighing.

MONDAY 28

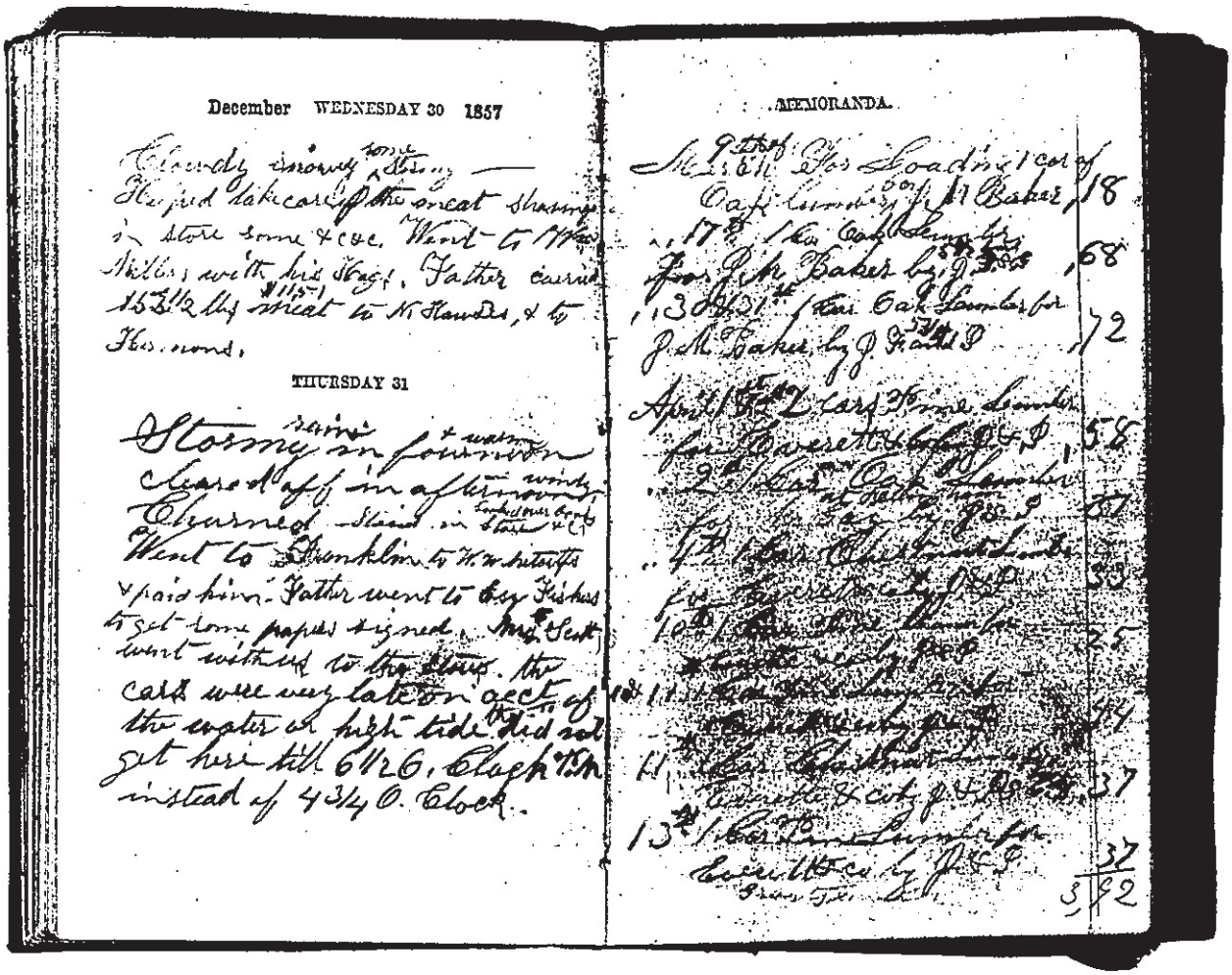
Clowdy & warm, thawy. Round house some & c & c. Father went to Woonsocket. Got some stovepipe & c for Joseph. Went to writing school in eve with Sarah. Very pleasant this eve.

TUESDAY 29

Clowdy & warm, Snowed quite fast this afternoon (little while). Went after Mr. O Adams, did't get her (shes gone away). Then carried the clothes to Mrs. Frosts & got some shavings. Lib & James Chison Killed the cow, (701 lbs) very wild.

Upside down: after we got it dressed it sliped and came down in the dirt & got all dirty. Wrote to O. W. Bradford in eve.

On side: Father went to Wrentham with Metcalf



December WEDNESDAY 30 1857

MEMORANDA

December WEDNESDAY 30 1857 MEMORANDA

Clowdy snowing some Stormy. Helped take care of the meat shavings, in store some & c & c. Went to Wm. Millers with his Hogs. Father carred 155 ½ lbs meat, $11.51, to N. Hawses to Hermans.

THURSDAY 31

Stormy, rain in fournoon & warm. Cleared off in afternoon, windy. Churned, staid in store, looked over books & c. Went to Franklin to W. W. Metcalfs & paid him. Father went to Esq. Fishers to get some papers signed. Mrs. E. Scott went with us to the stores. The Cars were very late on acct of the water or high tide. The did not get here till 6 ½ o'clock P.M., instead of 4 ¾ o'clock.

MEMORANDA.

Apr. 13th & 14th [illegible]	
" 18th 1 car Oak [illegible] for J. H. Baker by Jos [illegible]	32
" 20th 2 cars Chestnut lumber for Everett by Swan & D	53
25th 1 car Oak, Pine & Cyp [illegible]	65
May 14th 1 car Pine lumber for Everett & co by J & D	47
June 20th 2 cars Oak lumber for J. H. Baker by J. & D.	38
" 10th 1 car pine wood for J. H. B. by J & D	87
July 9th 1 car Chestnut lumber for Everett by J & D	28
" 24th 1 car Chestnut lumber [illegible]	28
Aug. 6th 1 car Chestnut lumber for Everett by J & D	28 = 387

MEMORANDA.

Aug. 7th 1 car Oak lumber for J. H. Baker by J. & D	09
" 31st & Sept. 1st 2 cars chestnut lumber for horse & co by J. & D.	50
Sept. 5th 1 car Oak lumber for J. H. Baker by J. & D	30
" 5th 1 car Chestnut lumber for Ames by J. Hayes & J. & D	31
Oct. 8th 1 car Oak logs for Caleb Ellis by Joseph Swan & D	43
Jan. 4th & 5th 1 car Oak lumber J. H. Baker	18
	181
	367
	392
(Paid Jan. 7th 1857) N. E.	60

MEMORANDA.

May 2d
Jos Whiting, Cook Duo [illegible] 75
bill

MEMORANDA.

May 8th
Hooked for Wm Miller
8th Harrowed with the horse 2 hours

Time worked on the
Mill Dam.
May 13th P. worked all day
paying up work
Mr Swan worked with
Joseph & Oxen plowing
" 17th P. plowed & drawed
half day
Joseph & Oxen
he worked about 1½ hours
18th P. worked most of the afternoon
harrowing with Joe & Oxen.
19th Mr Swan & P. harrowed with
the Horse 2 or 3 hours & drawed
4 load of manure from Scotts
with the oxen but offer 4th
Joe was at the mean house 2
22d Mr Swan & P worked
all day, drawed 2 load
of manure from Scotts with
the Oxen. Planted corn
& potatoes on Swamp m

May 23d Worked ½ day with
Mr Swan planting dressed
8 bushel potatoes (Mr mine)
(& 1 bag Guano 50 ℔)

June 1st Mr Swan worked
ashing & plastering the corn
& potatoes about 4 or 5 hours
" 15th Mr Swan & P hoed all
day cultivated with the
horse an hour or so.
" 16th Mr Swan & P hoed all
day cultivated about 2 hours
with the horse.
" 17th Mr Swan & P plowed
(part of the afternoon)
with the oxen, but
22d Mr Swan & I used 1 cart
of manure of Little on the
corn took about 1 hour

July 15th Mowed with Mr Hacatt
P. Pherson & Father on Oat
" 16th Mowed with Mr Hacatt P.
Pherson & Joseph & Father part
the day at haying.
" 20th Mowed and got in
a load (one with Oxen & one
with horse) hay. Mr Pherson
worked in the afternoon 2 or 3 hours Father
& Joseph mowed P. worked about
" 22d Joseph opened & turned the
hay in the forenoon & Father
P. & I put it in in the afternoon
1 load with the horse & 1 with the Oxen
Aug 3d Mowed with Mr Hacatt
1 & Pherson worked
some in the afternoon 3 hours
in the afternoon
Hermon, Frank, Father
Joseph & P. & Pherson & Pitt
drawed home 3 load of hay 1 with
Mr Hacatt Oxen. 1 with Mr Hacatt & 1 with the Horse

Aug 4th P. opened & turned hay
about 2½ hours. Hermon
Frank, Pherson, Father & P got in
about 1½ hours drawed 1 load
with the Oxen & 1 with horse
besides some more that had drawed home
Sept 8th Picked Cranberries
from about 10 o'clock till
night about 6½ o'clock.
" 9th Picked Cranberries from
about 8½ o'clock till night
about 6 o'clock.
" 10th Picked Cranberries from
about 9 o'clock till noon Mr
Swan helped after 10½ o'clock
11th Mr Swan got stalks
about 6½ hours.

Time Worked on Mr Pherson

May 26th Mr Pherson harrowed so
with oxen. Albert Newell & I
furrowed (till 11 O'Clock) with
the horse then drawed manure
with the oxen the rest of the day
Mr Pherson planted some.
" 27th Mr Swan & I drawed manure
with the oxen. Mr Pherson
drawed a cart load. Ploughed in
the afternoon. Mr Pherson helped
" 28th Worked with Mr Swan in
the afternoon planting
" 29th Worked 5 hours with Mr
Swan planting and drawing
manure with the 2 oxen
Mr Pherson dropped potatoes
" 30th Worked till noon
with Mr Swan planting
planted about 9 Bushels
Potatoes & 1/2 corn 1/4 m

June 1st Mr Swan & I worked
2½ hours dropping
Potatoes the rest potatoes
Mr Pherson helped
" 2d Mr Swan & Newell
Albert Newell Mr Pherson & I ploughed
and cultivated potatoes with oxen and
potatoes with the horse
July 3d Cultivated with the
Oxen 2½ hours ploughed 6 hours
Played with the oxen in afternoon
Ploughed all day
" 4th Mr Swan worked 1/2 day
hoing Potatoes cultivated 2 hours
with the horse
" 5th Mr Swan & Mr Adams & I
worked 1/2 day. Potatoes cultivated
with the Oxen 2 hours

Time Worked on the Road

June 5th	Worked	3 3/4 hours	
" 6th	"	3 3/4	"
" 9th	"	6	"